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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 2

P 136 (E)

Part B for May 1953

SUBJECT

Misappropriation of cement bags in the corporation of the city of Bangalore

WD 01425—GPB—25 000—1 9 1952

L 2392-94/52 21 5 53

The Commr corporation of the city of B'lore (Chief Accts)

" Controller S A D, B'lore

" Auditor Corporation of the city of Bangalore

Approved

Special Audit of the accounts of the Municipal Stores of the Engineering Dept of the Bangalore City Municipality

Letter No 479/C1[illegible] dated 29 6 48 from the Comptroller forwarding a copy of the report and the connected records of the audit of purchases

Letter No A 5-C 429/47 dated the 3rd July 1948 from the Municipal Commr Bangalore City enclosing a copy of the final report of the Asst Comptroller (B L A) in connection with the shortage of Cement and stating that the Stone-keeper, Sri S R Bhambure was solely responsible for the loss of 1968½ bags of cement and that a complaint for criminal breach of trust and misappropriation of Mil property has now been lodged against him with the Police

The Mil Commr further states, in this connection that the Executive Engineers doing duty in the Mlty during the period (Sri R Madhavan & Sri S Balasubramanya) have again been reminded to submit their explanations in the matter and that on receipt of the same, the whole file will be placed before the Mil Bd for decision He adds that no detailed explanations has been received from the Stone-keeper concerned though in his submission dated 30 6 48 he has said that he is innocent and that he would

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Shortage of cement in Bangalore city

Mlly Special audit report etc in Connection therewith —

MR 176 ✓257

~~further~~ submit a further detailed ~~st~~statement

2) The letter of the Comptr addressed to the Financial Secy to Govt. has also been received with the MR for putting up the main file on the subject. The main file has been submitted to the Minister for City Mlties & Muzrai on 19-6-62 in MR 7653

3) The report on the special audit of the accounts of the Municipal Elects of the Engineering department of the receipt mlly relating to cement and the Comptr's observations thereon are for the L personal

4) The Municipal Comrs, except the reported that, as the storekeeper was solely responsible for the loss of the cement bags during the

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period from 3 28/1/1945 to 12/4/4

a Complaint for criminal breach of trust & misappropriation of municipal property has been lodged against him with the Police

5) He has further added that the explanation of the municipal executive engineers during the period in the City during the period have been called for & that on receipt of the same, the whole file will be placed before the Municipal Council for decision

For perusal

Rec'd copy for 10/7/48

6) Rec'd C. Rels & Recs) 8 10/7/48

for

THE MINISTER FOR CITY MUNICIPALITIES AND MUZRAI
No 160
Date 12-7-948

7) The explanations called for from the Dist Engineers, Trichinopoly Madhavan and Bilagiri Raghava not yet been received though several months have elapsed. They may be called for immediately. What action is proposed to be taken against those whose neglect of duty is pointed out in the audit note may be intimated Please

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Shortage of cement in Bangalore city
MLAs - Special audit report etc in
Connection therewith -

MLA 176 ✓ 257

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US 6-1-58 in MLA 7653

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of the Engineering department of the Municipal
City relating to cement and the
Complts' observations thereon are
personal

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the Revenue Member, as the Storekeeper was
solely responsible for
the loss of the cement bags during the

Shortage of cement bags in Bangalore city Mlly-

8) Dft letter please

(vide also Dno 9153 secy & 2.7.68 { ML 7 69 xv ML 25 V 176 }
2 copies for the Members Secy (Linked FS)

9) Submitted with a draft letter to the ML Commr Bangalore city Mlly (through the President) for appl

KSV 22/7 WP 22-7-68

10) Some others

27/7/68

of 892 dy 23.7.68

The ML Commr

Bangalore city corpn

- Apality

"New" Mr President

Requests him to obtain and submit the explanation of the officers immediately and enquire what action proposed to be taken against other officers whose neglect of duty is revealed out in the Audit report

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WL 737 Petition of Sri S R Bhambore, Stone Kapu
Bangalore City Mlty addressed to the Hon'ble
the City Mlty Minister in connection with
the action taken against him for loss
of Cement bags in the stores

11) Orders of the Minister on the above

(" Revenue Secretary to)

This may be placed before the
Council for consideration and
expression of their views on the
matter - On receiving the same
I shall consider & dispose of the
petition (Sd) P S S
1877/48

12) A draft letter is put up for
appl

13) Typewritten
for
Sd
29/7/48 Sd 1990 Sd 30/7/48

Secretary to Govt
Forwarded the petition from Ch

Shortage of cement bags in Bangalore city Mlls-

8) Dft letter please (vide also Dn. 8153 recd 2.7.48 & copy put up Number now linked 151) {MU 65/48 MC 25/48 V 176

9) Submitted with a draft letter to the Mil Commr, Bangalore city Mlls (through the President) for appl

10) Some action

Dft 22.7.48 Dft 22.7.48

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Bangalore city
Mills
Thro' the President

Requests him to obtain and submit the explanation of the officers immediately and enquires what action proposed to be taken against other officers whose neglect of duty is pointed out in the two reports

Sd/-
26/7

Ml-737 Petition of Sri S R Bhambore, Store Keeper Bangalore City Mlty addressed to the Hon'ble the City Mlties & Mergon in connection with the action taken against him for loss of Cement bags in the Stores

11) Orders of the Minister on the above

(Revenue Secretary wc)

This may be placed before the Council for consideration and expression of their views on the matter. On receiving the same I shall consider & dispose of the petition (Sd) P S S 1877/48

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13) Typewritten for 29/7/48

fo 1990 S 30/7/48

Memo to Council Bore forwards the petition from Sri S Bhambore - Store-Keeper

matter and requests him to take action thereon in accordance with the Orders of the Minister for city municipalities in Mysore

{ MC 257 V-737

Secy A with CW 15 9/8

14) Draft-DO reminder to Executive Engineer

1000 30/8/48 Rs 20-8-0

15) Despatched for 30/8/48

DO R. Issued Rs 2028 on 31-8-48

Letter No A5C 429/48-49 dated 24th September 1948 from the MC Commr Bangalore Ltr enclosing Copies of explanations of Sri S Bhujanga Rao, Sri R Madhavan and Sri K Padmanabhan Asst Engineers for perusal

16) The MC Commr further states that the explanations of the above officers are being placed before the Planning Committee of the MC and that their decision will be early communicated

17) As regards the opinion of the MC Dr. on the explanations of Sri S R Bhujanga Rao, sent with letter No

Shortage of Cement bags in the Bangalore City Mlty

EL
2113

L 990 dated 30-7-48, the Mt Comm. states that the subject is before the Mt Cl as their decision will be intimated when reached

1) For perusal with reference to the orders of the Minister for C+I regarding allotment of cement for purposes mentioned in para 3 of his letter

2) We receipt of further reference will be awaited

for 14/9/48 Pr 14/9/48

3) Perusal for 15/9/48

4) For perusal

Transmitted C. Subramaniam

5) P. Rao 16/9/48

6) Clerk

7) 20/9

8) CWC P.I Keep this with you for issue reminder on 27/9/48

9) Reminder.

~~23~~ Petition dated 21st July 1948 of Sri SR Bloomboro, Ex-Panchayat Commissioner, Bangalore City Mlty addressed to the Minister for

T M T R FOR CITY
B L GAL TIE AND MUZRAI
No 1139
Dt 16-9-948

Ml
2779 Shortage of Cement bags in the 8 Bangalore City Mlty

City Mltes of Mysore praying that his pay for the last nine months which has been stopped, may be disbursed to him &c

23) Orders of the Minister for City Mltes of Mysore on the above —

"This may be sent to Ml Commr for report What about this case of shortage of cement bags?

(Sd) P S S L
26-9-48

24) Submitted with a draft letter to the Ml Commr Bangalore City for appl

25) Issue

Sd/- 15/10/48

To
12-10-48
Pse 14 cott

The Honourable Commissioner
Bangalore
(thro the Presidency
4053 dt 19/10/48
Collector Bangalore

Sd/- 9/11

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Inventory of Cement bags in the Bangalore City Municipality

ML 4650
ML
2779

26) Submitted with a DO remarks
of the ML Comm Bangalore
City for approval

ACr
7 12 48

27) Signed letter
for
8/12/48

Issued in Dis 6283 - dated
9-12-48 of the ML Comm Bglre
City

Secy
HPV
13-12-48 PUL

28) Letter No A5-C 429/47 dated the
14th December 1948 from the Municipal
Commissioner, Bangalore City stating
that the ML C have at their meeting
held on 2-12-48 resolved that as the
subject matter of the petition of Sri S.R.
Shamboor Raj loss of Cement bags etc, is before
Court, the opinion of the Municipal Council
on the petition is not warranted and
returning the petition in original

28) Submitted for perusal & orders
with reference to para 23 supra

ACr
23 12 48

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29) It was stated in the Municipal Commr's letter dated 3 7 48 that a Complaint for criminl breach of trust & misappropriation of the property was lodged with the Police against the S.R. Storekeeper - store keeper But no report has been so far received that he has been charge sheeted before the Court - This will have to be definitely ascertained

30) The report received from the Mamlatdar & the result of the spot enquiry are awaited reference 7, 11, 21 & 23 Supra

THE MINISTER FOR CITY MUNICIPAL TIES & MUZRAI
No 2677
Date 2 8/12/48

Minister for (City Tenures) 24/12/48

31) In what stage the case is? In the petition submitted by Mr Bantz I have enquired in my note to what account the interest of Rs on what account the interest is about this has been furnished. Pl see 6/1/49

6/1/49

7/1

Loss of cement bags "in the Bangalore City Municipality"

ML 4650

32) Sent with a draft letter for appl

DOR 10/1/49 WR 11/1/49

33) Returned after approval 11/1/49

Issued in NOL 7876 & 12-1-49

Lss

Libd

DOR 21-1-49

34) As no reply has been received from the ML Comm to the appln letter NOL 7876 & 12/1/49, a draft DO. reminder is herewith put up for approval

DOR 5-2-49 Br 3-2-49

35) Returned 7/2/49

36) Submitted with a revised draft-II reminder for appl..

DOR 9 2 49 WR Br 9-2-49

37) Returned for 9/2/49

Issued in NOL 9293 & 11-2-49 to the Municipal Comm Bldr City

Lss DOR 14/2/49

38) Sent with a DO reminder to the ML Comm as per Secret instructions of the Authority

DOR 22/3 WR Br 23/3/49

39) Returned for 28/3/49 Issued

ML
J-7287
ML7331

Loss of Cement bags in the Bangalore City Municipality

1) Letter No A 5-C 429/48 dated the 12th March 1949 from the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City stating that the explanations of Sri Bhagavath and Sri R Madhavan were placed before the ML CC on 14-2-49 and that it was resolved that the explanations may be sent to Govt for information

2) Representations dated 24-3-49 of Sri SR Bhambure praying that he may be retained in Service instead of being prosecuted as he had fully paid the value of the shortage of Cement and that he is innocent etc

3) Letter No A 5-C 429 dated 26-3-49 from the Municipal Commissioner Bangalore City forwarding for report on the petition of Sri S.R. Bhambure submitted with reference to para 31 supra

4) The Municipal Commr states that the salary of Sri S R. Bhambure has been paid up to and including 1947 and thereafter he has been paid subsistence allowance at ¼ of his pay

JHL 7287 of 7331 / HL 7522 } Loss of Cement bags in Bangalore City Police —

Rs 16-4-0 plus DA Rs 18 or Rs 34-4-0 per month This is according to the rules of the M S R

41) The Municipal Commissioner further states, in this connection, that the prosecution launched against the appeal is being proceeded in the Court and that the case is not yet closed

42) The information asked for by the Hon'ble Minister in para 31 Supra is regarding the amount of Rs 2,46,000/- alleged by Sri Bombhan as due to him from the Hon'ble Municipality which was called for in this office letters dated 30-7-68 / 12/11/69 & 5/12/69 & this has not been furnished by the Hon'ble Commissioner will have to be written to again in the matter

Rs 2-4-69

43) Returned as the Case has not been fully noted upon

for 7/4/69

Resubmitted

44) The explanations of Sri Balgundhi and Sri Madhavan have been perused already by the Municipal City Municipalities and Mukhyamantri

ML 7287/7331 Shortage of 14 Cement bags in
7522 Bangalore City Mlg.

on 18-9-48 P vol para 21 supra

45) As regards the further representation of Sri S R Bhumkar dated 24-3-49 it is stated therein that he has obeyed the orders of the Municipal Commissioner and deposited the full amount of the shortage of Cement bags, that he is innocent, that he used to hand over Reg. of the stores wherein he effected for issue and that he may please be at least relieved from service without criminal prosecution

46) The further wants to notice that the ML Comm ~~has~~ recommended to the ML Cl that ~~the matter~~ he brought to be relieved from service But this office has not heard from the ML Comm about this point For orders whether an enquiry may be made of the ML Comm. of-

5 7287 } Shortage of cement bags in Bangalore
7337 } City Municipality

MC 7522 } It is a fact and if so, in what stage that question stands

DTOR 4/4/49 For 4/4/49 47) Placing up to noon for info

4/4/49

48) Submitted with a draft letter to the Municipal Commr Blore City, as per personal instructions of the Asst Secretary today for approval

DTOR 5-4-49 For 5/4/49

49) Perused) for Dy

50) For favour of perusal before noon

6/4/1949

Minister City Municipalities

51) P G Gokhale 19/4/49

19/4/49

52) Above

Issued to Municipal Commr in DO L 1235-5 dt 7-4-49 Blore - Called for Cutting, 1, dt 26-4-49

SECRETARIAT TO GOVT OF MYSORE
Dt 6/4

THE MINISTER FOR CITY MUNICIPALITIES AND MUZRAI
No. 4 5-30
Date 8/4/49

BANGALORE CITY
19/4

16 7522/mc 3914/mc

Loss of amount Tax on the Bldg etc refd

From

The Commissioner etc of the Municipal Corporation
No A S C 429/48-49 Dt 12 12-49

To

The Executive Officer etc of the Municipal Corporation

Sir,

I am directed to refer to and forward a copy of Resln Dt 6 12 49 of the Municipal Council recommending the withdrawal of the Case against the above and dropping the matter, the Municipal Councillors retired forthwith

2) It is seen from the Report of the Commissioner that the appeal has deposited already Rs 5 2007 as against the estimated Cost of Rs 10 000/- of the Municipality

3) The Municipal Council in its recent Resolution dated 6 12 49 has recommended the withdrawal of the prosecution, and also dropping the matter finally, the Tax as ordered by the Competent Authority retired from Service, ~~The Resolution proposes to forfeit that amount of the Retirement Benefits of the Councillors to which they may not be entitled~~ having regard to the long period of service rendered by them and any Services rendered to the Municipality during the period of their service, and ordering refunded from out of the pension and other Benefits due to them to the Municipality

4) The Resolution of the Municipal Council is for orders. The withdrawal of the prosecution requires the approval of the Govt Resolution also — Ref para 3 1 48 1 Supra

Case 43/1-1/49

5) For the present, only the question of the withdrawing of the

7532 [illegible] 3914

Loss [illegible] Bline [illegible] 17 [illegible]

prosecution launched against the Store Keeper (Mr S R Sharma) maybe approved Considered as reserved by the Min be

57) The question of recovering the balance of the loss may be considered subsequently and a ruling if any maybe reserved for separate consideration & orders

Office of the Minister for Law & Labour
No 4372
Date 14/12/49

[illegible] 13/12/49

58) Min of Fin (Mr Tahir) 14/12/49
Min of Com (Mr Zaman) 14/12/49

59) yes the prosecution may be withdrawn the question of recovery of the balance if any may be considered later

RTA 14/12

60) yes - I agree

15/12/49
13/12/49

THE MINISTER FOR CITY MUNICIPALITIES
No 2577
Date 15/12/49

16/12/49

16/12/49

61) Put [illegible] of the Dist Magistrate B'Baria (Comilla) B[illegible] a letter for approval as [illegible]

16/12/49

62) Some [illegible]

16/12/49

3914/ml

Loss of Cement Tags on the Bale at the Mercantile

To

The District Magistrate, Bellary
Cuddapah District

No L 5821 dated 16 12 43

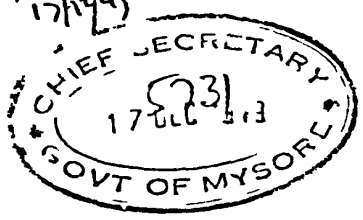
Directs the withdrawal of the prosecution
copy to C.I. The Asst Commr/ Corporation of the D.C.P. Bellary

63) Sealed after issue as per instructions

17/12/43 64) The file is closed as personally directed

Chief Secy
17/12/43

Penal Secy
on leave
from
17/12/43



3914/MC 3752/H

Loss of cereal bags in the city Municipality—
withdrawal of cases

Diff of the Chief Clerk
No 5152
Date of Receipt 22/12/12

68/ In an important and
Sensational Case like
this, I was surprised
to learn of withdrawal
being ordered without
even Consulting me
There is bound to be
reactions on the public
mind if such Cases
are withdrawn
without sufficient
grounds. I was
watching the
progress of the
Case and the Chief
Constable informed me
of the withdrawal
on 17th

Chief Clerk 22/12

69/ I am supposed that the withdrawal
should have been ordered without the Concurrence
of the Home Minister the Concerned Secretary perhaps
should have marked the to the Home minister

Loss of Cement bags in B'lore city Municipal

may I know whose has been the mistake ? What can

be done now may also be indicated

moreover, are not withdrawal of prosecutions Comical matter ?

Rice
26/12/69

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CHIEF SEC 5212 27 DEC 69 GOVT C MYSORE

70). The withdrawal of prosecutions

is not a "minor" matter under

the Criminal Procedure Code -

but it is treated as one in many

cases and not usually see

it on the file or in court

proceedings. It is an important act

by which a case, after framing of charges

has been withdrawn at the instance

of the prosecution or with its consent

or the Court discharges the accused

because there is no evidence

against him. Hence it is necessary

that the Chief Secretary should be informed

of all such cases.

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71) In the present case, the accused

are seen guilty of serious offences

by the Home Minister, and the

Criminal Procedure Code, before making

any move with regard to withdrawal

in charge of Government Counsel

A.

Office of the Chief Secretary
No 5240
Date of Receipt 27/12/69

CHIEF SECRETARY 30 DEC 69 GOVT OF MYSORE

72). If may be ascertained why this was

not done ? Has the case been withdrawn

or no ? If not, the opinion of the Home

Minister may be obtained before proceeding

further

Rice 28/12/69

Loss of Cement bags in Bolax city- Municipality

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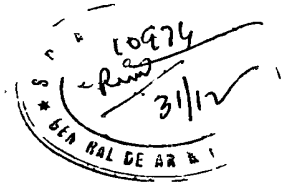
7b) The learned Magistrate has been asked by us on the telephone (& confirmed in writing) to stay implementing the order of withdrawal. The case has not yet been withdrawn

Hon'ble Home
Chief Hon'ble
Hon'ble Revenue
Minister



Reference
A I R (36) 1949
Patna 222
The King Vs Parmeshwar Nand & Others

74) It was on the complaint dated 6-7-1948 of the Commissioner of the Municipal Council that the case was launched against the accused The Municipal Council have resolved on 6-12-49 that in view of the long period of service rendered by the accused and in view of the fact that the amount of the difference is already deposited by him and the balance if any could be recovered out of his pension and other sums due by the Council, recommendation be made to Government to withdraw the prosecution and the matter be dropped and the accused be compulsorily retired As the accused was compulsorily retired and had made good the amount it was thought that the resolution of the Municipal Council may be approved and orders therefor were obtained from the Minister for Law & Labour and the Minister for City Municipalities

75) 2 The Municipal Branch did not know that the progress of this case was being watched in the Home Branch If this branch knew it it would have doubtless referred the file to that Branch before submission to the Ministers

The Home branch files has been referred subsequently now & then to the Law for City Prosecutor as it has not been sent to the General Secretary at any time

76) 3 The power to allow the withdrawal of any prosecution vests with the ~~District~~ Magistrate It is not a Council subject ~~It does not even require consultation with Government~~ The Govt cannot order withdrawal of any case It can only be a direction to the Public ~~however incumbent on the District Magistrate~~ Prosecutor to apply for withdrawal ~~to consult Government in political cases before~~ Such a withdrawal may or may not be per~~ordinary withdrawals, since the then existing~~ mitted by the trying magistrate ~~administration itself is threatened by such~~ usually the DC Magistrate consults the Govt in ~~movements. Such cases were in many cases~~ other cases, whose progress is watched ~~initiated and the progress is watched in all~~ ~~cases~~ by the Home Department and the orders of

of the Home Department are obtained by the District Magistrates before ~~the case is~~ withdrawn asking the Public Prosecutor to apply for withdrawal

77) 4 In other cases which are of a serious nature and which have evoked public interest the District Magistrate usually consults the Government in the Home Department before ~~withdrawing such cases~~ asking the Public Prosecutor to apply for withdrawal

78) 5 In cases where Government Servants are involved e g a Patel or a Shanbhogue or a Municipal servant or an Agricultural Inspector misappropriating money the Department recommends withdrawal The concerned Minister may (gauging the effect of such withdrawal on the administration of that Department, order withdrawal of the prosecution) which means only that the P P may apply for withdrawal It is for consideration whether in such cases the order of the Minister in charge of the Department is not enough and if the Minister for Law and the Minister for Home should also be consulted If it is ordered that all such cases wherein Government servants are involved should be submitted to the Minister for Home and to the Minister for Law, it will be done in future, ~~in~~ which case the withdrawal of such cases will require the concurrence of three Ministers If they disagree the matter will have to go either before the Council or may be disposed of by the Chief Minister It does not appear to be necessary to treat the subject which within the purview of the District Magistrate, as a Council Matter Where the Ministers disagree it may perhaps be disposed of by the Chief Minister

79) 6 The Law Secretary may perhaps be, consulted in this behalf and suitable instructions given for future guidance

80) 7 In the present case the Municipal

Municipal Council have resolved that the prosecution may be withdrawn ne the misappropriation was discovered and the case was launched the affair evoked - public interest It is for consideration whether it is worthwhile to pursue the - prosecution against the recommendation of he Municipal Council

81/ So that there may not be any confusion or doubt about the branch which should deal with ~~the~~ the subject of withdrawal of cases, it is better that it is laid down ~~as a standard~~ that in future ~~all cases~~ ~~that~~ the subjects relating to withdrawal of all cases are dealt with only in the Home branch Even then withdrawal only means that the PP will be open to file an application for withdrawal It will be open to the Magistrate to give consent or not

lcm

5/1/58

Letter to the Secretary, Bihar Corporation is put up for approval. Separate action will be taken on receipt of the balance amount

To

The Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Bangalore
(thro' the Mayor)
L 2151/A22/5/50

Directs to intimate the balance amount claimed by the Municipality

88/A draft Reminder is put up for approval

To

The Comr Corporation of Bihar
L 4488/A24/50
Reminder thro'

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3698/4753 Loss of 27 cement Bags in Bangalore city Mkty

from

The Commissioner,
Corporation of the city of
Bangalore

letter no AS-429/4248 dated 6/7/50.
requests early orders in the matter

88) A draft D.O letter is put up for
approval

Submd 89) Orders of the Secy on the P.U.D
25/10/50 "Regd at once

90) "How is it this matter seems to have
been lost sight of

91) Kindly reference is invited to letter
no L 892 dt 23 7 48 requesting the said Commr to expedite
the explanations of these engineer officers The said Commr
sent to these explanations with his letter dt 4 9 48
and said that they would be placed before the
managing Committee of mkty The explanations
of Srs Jats Balajee, Madhavan and Padmanabhan
are marked for perusal Sri Balajee says
that he was responsible for closing out the fraud
Sri Madhavan says he had any heavy work & it
was the war period, whereas Sri Padmanabhan
who was directly in charge explains his efforts
to get the Store Keeper to keep the accounts
The Md dt have simply sent the explanations for
information of Govt If in this letter the Commr refers
to now and wants to know the orders of Govt thereon

2753
Title Loss of 2nd Current Engg: in Bangalore Mfly

92) In this connection kindly reference is invited to Para 5, 7, 16 and 44 of the notes and to this office

A letter no L 3319 dy 16 9 49 calling for the explanation of the engineers on the overall audit of the engineering Dept of the Mfly and Corporation (linked file)

B and this office letter dy 28 8 1950 promising a further report regarding recovery of the balance due from the ex-store keeper SR Bhonsle

93) If approved, the Comm^r will be requested to expedite the 2 reports called for above when final orders can be passed

LSG-Secy 30/10/50

94) I thought the amount had been received in full, long back. Perhaps the Commr's claim officially to expedite the matter

Engg 20/11

95) Reminder is put up for approval

Approved 2/11/50 20

Secy 17/11/50

96) Issue Reminder

Asst 2/11/50

Capt 4/11/50

4723/5720/6696 29

Misappropriation of Cement Bags [App F III-2]

General and Revenue Secretariat | File No (Blue) of 19

Serial No	
	From The Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Poona Letter no AS 424/4248 dated 13/10/50 states that the report has not been received from the Engineer
97	Submitted for perusal. Further report will be awaited Sd/- 24/11/50 MWS 24/11
98	Wait till 1st Dec 50 & remind MS 25/11
99	Re-submitted with reference to para 98 supra MS 9/1/50
50	Submit on 8/12/50 MWS 4/12
51	Submit with reference to para 98 supra MS 11/12/50 MWS 11/12 Put up a draft Do A draft Do letter is submitted for approval MS 12/12 MS 13/12/50
52	Issue at once MS 18/12
	15/12/50
	From The Commr, Corporation of Poona L 9521/47 14/12/50 Reminder issued
	From The Commissioner, Corporation of Poona Letter no AS 424/47 dt 21/5/51 States that the information will be furnished in due course

Sent 4/1/51

Note —Contn Sheet

Re appropriation of cement bags in Bellary dy. mlls.

File No 5/20/6696/7869 of 19 — General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No

53) Further information will be wanted
Subd
ms JM
8/1/51

54) Issue a further DO
MS
13/1

55) There is pending for a long time the PA to the Commr has also been reminded on phone
MS
13/1

56) A draft DO Reminder is put up for appl
Subd
ms JM
15/1/51

57) Issue and remind PA also on phone
MS
19/1
Issue
11
Sup
21/1/51

Reminded vide No 10768/47/M1/51

The Commissioner,
Corporation of the city of
Bangalore

Letter No BS 429/47 dated 15.2.1951 States that the pay of the Head is under verification and further action will be taken to effect the adjustment

58) the final reply in the matter will be awaited
Subd
ms JM
21/2/51

59) yes till the end of the month
MS
23/2
Issue
28/2

60) Resubmitted with a draft Reminder for approval
JM
3/4
JM
3/4

61) Issue
MS
6/4
Issue
19/4

Issued vide No 10437

The Commr Corporation of Bangalore

7 068?0—GPB—25 000—26 7 49

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Misappropriation of Cement bags at Bangalore City -
Only

59,518
NC

Letter no AS 429/47-48 dt 16/17 th April 51
from the Comm Corporation of the city of Bangalore
stating that the matter is under consideration

62) The letter of the Comm is for perusal this
final report in the matter may be awaited
DC 26/4
MM

63) Wait till 5th may 1957
& resubmit
MS 27/4

64) Resubmitted with a draft Remarks for
approval
DC 1/5

65) Issue
MS 1/5

To The Comm Corporation of the city of Bangalore

Encs 1 & 2

L 1359 / dt 14 5 57

Remarks

From
The Commissioner Corporation
of the city of Bangalore
Do no A-S-429/47-48 dated 2 5 51
Requests to pass early orders in the matter

Class 'X'

66) Kind ref is invited to the letter dated 17 4 51
~~from~~ wherein the Govt stated that the
Question is under Correspondence with the
Departmental Officers and the final reply thereto
will be sent in due Course

67) Now intimate it pending a final reply the

518, 2280 Misappropriation of Cement bags in Bangalore
TH MI U 4708/ind 3 vol cy MIS

Ker Kes dem Steady Reminder to pass orders
in the matter

68) Adopt letter as put up for approval
DS 13/9 Pse 9/K

69) Leg 9/8

70) Issue
K 8/8
9/8

71) Issued 11/8

To
The Commissioner Corporation of Bangalore
L 4810 & 14857
Reminds to expedite his reply

Jus A 21/8

From
The Commissioner Corporation, Bangalore
No M S-4291/47 48 dated 8.10.57
Seeks an advance Reptg.

72) For orders if a further Report from the Commr., Corporation may be awaited
Kes 9/11/57.
BMP 9/11/57

73) Wait 1 reminder after 15 days
10/11

Kes 9

74) submitted with a reminder
3/11
BMP 3/11/57

75) Seen Letter and
Kes 1

98880
14/12/57
Seen
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Misappropriation of cement bags in Bangalore
City Municipality 4708 1791/mf
5253 879/mf

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From

The commissioner
Corporation of the city of Bangalore
No. AS-429/47-48 dated 3 6 53
Re misappropriation of cement bags

76) The commissioner sends an interim report Further report will be awaited

77) Yes

78) Draft Reminder is put up for approval

79) Put up a typed draft for my signature

27/2/53

80)

To
The Comm Corpn B'lore
L 21281 dated 10-3-53
Reminder

Proc
The Collector, Corpn of B'lore
No AS 429/47-48 Of 21 4 53
Sends Resolution dated 25 3-53
of the Corporation on the Report

81) After Ordering withdrawal of the prosecution against Sri S. R Bhoraboe, Ex Store keeper, of the Corporation B'lore

Misappropriation of Cement Bags in Bidar City Municipality 34

City Municipality, the Council was requested to pursue further the question of recovery of the Cost ~~of Rs~~ to the Municipality

81) The Corporation in its Resolution dated 25 3-53 has resolved that the Sum of Rs 2,632/- due by Sri S R Bhoomkar towards the Cost of Cement Bags be written off as no details are available and ~~that~~ further Cost cannot be accounted for properly and that the Responsible Officers for the missing building materials cannot be fixed The Council has however not sent a copy of the Engineer's note for reference Also the actual Cost to the Municipality after the Local audit of accounts is not ~~is~~ intimated by the Council

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82) The Resolution of the Corporation is for orders

83) From the report of the Committee it is seen that the Corporation have considered several aspects of the case and that they have resolved to recommend to Govt to write off a sum of Rs 2632/- said to have been due from S R Bhoomkar, as no details are available and as further

Misappropriation of Cement bags in the Corporation of the City of Blore [App I 111 2

General and Revenue Secretariat

35 File No 679/ne of 19 WD 02201—GPB—10 000—7 1 53

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Secy
DSS
Hon Minister for L S G
8/5/53

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DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
6 MAY 53
723

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
1486
-9 MAY 1953
LSG DEPARTMENT

86) Dpt Co ce postcop for approval
14/5/53
8A 14/5

87) Issue
16/5

G O No 4.2392-94/ce # 100-53-2
Dt 21 5 53
Sanctions the proposal

To
1) The Commr, Blore Corpn
2) " Controller, S A O
3) " Auditor, C C B.

B-21/5/53
8A 21/5

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BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY

No As-C 429/47

Encl Nil

MUNICIPAL OFFICES
BANGALORE CITY

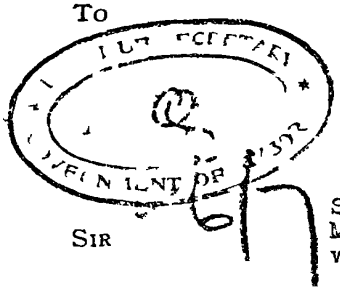
Dated 3rd July 1948

FROM

SAFI DARASHAH Esq, B A
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
BANGALORE CITY

To

Syed Abdul Aleem Esq, B A,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore



SIR

Subject - Special Audit of the accounts of the Municipal Stores of the Engineering Department with reference to stocks of cement -

In connection with the above I have the honour to enclose herewith for favour of perusal copy of the final report of the Assistant Comptroller, B L A S received with copy of Comptroller's letter No 479/C L A D dated 28-6-1948 which is also enclosed herewith) As it was clear therefrom that the Store-keeper Sri S R Bhombore was solely responsible for the loss of 1958½ bags of cement for the period from 23-1-1945 (when he took charge of the stores) to 12-4-1948 (date of Special audit), a complaint for criminal breach of trust and misappropriation of Municipal property has now been lodged against him with the Police (copy of complaint to the Ulsoor Gate Police is herewith enclosed for favour of perusal)

2 The Executive Engineers doing duty in the Municipality during the period (Sri R Madhavan and Sri S Biligiri Rao) have again been reminded to submit their explanations in the matter, and on receipt of the same the whole file will be placed before the Council for decision No detailed explanation has been received from the Store-keeper concerned though in his submission dated 30-4-1948 he has said that he is innocent and that he would duly submit a further detailed statement

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Municipal Commissioner

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To

The Inspector of Police,
Ulsoor Gate Police Station,
Bangalore City

Complainant -

S Darashah, B A ,
Municipal Commissioner,
City Municipality Municipal Offices
Bangalore

The complainant begs to lay the following complaint for immediate action being taken

The Municipal Stores attached to his office is in charge of the Store-keeper Sri S R Bombore He has been directly and solely in charge since 23-1-1945

Special Audit of the Store Accounts with special reference to the stock of cement in the Municipal Stores of the Engineering Department dated 28-6-1948 covering the period from 23-1-1945 to 12-4-1948 shows a shortage of 1,958½ bags of cement and the actual cost of it would be Rs 7 120/- (excluding centage) The said Sri S R Bombore is solely responsible for the missing of the bags and he has deliberately defrauded the Municipality in this respect He has dishonestly misappropriated the said stocks of cement and has thereby caused wrongful loss to the Municipality He has committed criminal breach of trust in respect of the said bags of cement which were received by him and were in his sole custody in the Municipal Stores A copy of the final Special Audit Report is herewith enclosed for information

Necessary action may kindly be taken against the concerned Store-keeper Sri S R Bombore and he be dealt with according to law

Sd S Darashah
Commissioner
Bangalore City Municipality

Bangalore City,
Dated 2nd July 1948

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S Darashah

Copy of letter No 479/C L A D dated 28/29th June 1948 from the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore to the Financial Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore

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Special Audit of the Accounts of the Municipal Stores of the Engineering Department in the Bangalore City Municipality

In continuation of my letter No 381/C1ad dated 29th April 1948 on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith for the information and orders of Government a copy of the report on the special audit conducted by Sri K Rajagopala Iyengar, Superintendent and Senior Auditor assisted by Sri M V Raghavendra Rao, B Sc , D Com Local Auditor both of whom have been working in the Audit Section attached to the Bangalore City Municipality The several serious irregularities noticed during the special audit have been detailed in the report and the most important of them are referred to hereunder with some suggestions for the avoidance of such irregularities in future

2 A verification of the store accounts of cement for the subsequent period from 31-8-47 on which date a counting certificate of the actual balance on hand has been recorded by the Assistant Engineer Sri K Padmanabhan, has brought to light that a full consignment consisting of 380 bags of cement supplied by the Cement Marketting Co , of India Ltd , as per their bill No 572 dated 26-2-48 and received at the Municipal Stores by the Store-keeper on 4-3-48 has been omitted by him to be brought on the stock register This has resulted in a further shortage of 380 bags of cement in addition to 1643 bags already reported in my letter of 29-4-48 referred to above The total shortage of cement not accounted for by the Store-keeper during the period covered by the Special audit thus works up to 1,958½ bags and the loss to the Municipality thereby caused amounts to about Rs 7,833/- as detailed in paras 14 and 15 of the report It is ascertained that out of this amount a sum of Rs 5,200/- has since been recovered from the Store-keeper and credited to the Municipal Treasury, leaving a balance of Rs 2,633/- still to be recovered

3 The fraud could not have occured if the Municipal Executive Engineer has exercised adequate supervision over the work of the storekeeper and if instructions contained in rules 269 and 271 of the M A M which provide for getting monthly and half yearly statements from the Storekeeper and for the counting of actual balance of stock on hand periodically and comparing it with the book balances with a view to prevent loss to the Municipality had been strictly enforced by him The fact that the Municipal Engineer did not take suitable disciplinary action against the storekeeper and remove him from the responsible post so long back as 29-10-45 when there was some proof of his dishonesty as detailed in para 12 of the report has also contributed to the xxx commission of the fraud, which could have been otherwise

4 The Head Clerk or the Manager of the Office of the Municipal Executive Engineer cannot also be absolved from all responsibility in this matter As the ministerial head of the office, it was his duty to have brought to the notice of the Executive Engineer the omission on the part of the sto ribed monthly an half yearly returns. and the irregular and perfunctory manner in which he was maintaining the store accounts The Engineering Department of the Bangalore City Municipality has been spending several lakxhs of rupees every year and the sanctioned Budget estimate of the Municipality for the current year provides for an expenditure of over 20 lakhs on public works It has a store attached to it in which articles of stock, tools and plant and released materials valued at several lakhs of rupees are stored The activities of the Department which are ever on the increase with the growth of the City, exceed those of any normal division in the Public Works Department The Municipal Engineer should therefore have had the assistance of a competant xx divisional accountant in the maintenance of the accounts of his office and to advise him in all financial matters Kind reference is also in this connection is invited to the suggestion of the Assistant Comptroller Sri K S Narayana Iyer, B A ,

in his special report on the examination of the several questions relating to the finances of the Bangalore City Municipality on page 61 of the printed report under the heading "System of Accounts- suggestion for improvement" He has recommended therein that the posts of the ministerial heads of Revenue and Health in general and that of the Engineering Sections in particular may be given to the Accountants of the Comptroller's office so that the accounts and audit work may be got done regularly in accordance with rules In view, however, of the paucity of trained men in the audit department I am afraid that it will not be possible to spare any trainedd staff to the Municipality unless the audit department is enabled to recruit graduates in all I grade vacancies

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Copy of the above together with a copy of the report in duplicate is forwarded with compliments to the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City Municipality for information and taking needful immediate action in continuation of this office letter No 381/CLAD dated 29-4-48

Sd K Natarajan,
For Comptroller

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Municipal Commissioner

REPORT O' THE SPECIAL AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE MUNICIPAL STORES OF T E ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF THE BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO CE ENT

The Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City Municipality desired in his memo No A5 C 429/47-48 dated 24th Feb 1948 that an audit of the stock and account books of the Municipal Stores of the Engineering Department might be arranged for immediately But the Audit Section was not in a position to take up the audit in addition to the current work without the help of an extra hand as the audit of the entire store account would involve much labour and time As however, some grave irregularity was suspected in the accounts relating to cement and audit of the same as required to be taken up immediately, a special audit of the accounts relating to that item only was conducted for the present by Sri Y Rajagopala Iyengar Superintendent of the Audit Section assisted by Sri H V Raghavendra Rao B Sc D Com Local Auditor in addition to their own duties reserving the audit of the accounts relating to the other items of store articles to be taken up at a future date when an additional hand for the purpose is sanctioned and is made available The Municipal Commissioner is addressed separately in this matter

2 The period covered by the Special audit is between 23-1-1945 the date on which Sri S R Bhombore, the present Store-keeper took charge of the Municipal Stores from his predecessor Sri T Ramaswamy Chetty and 12-4-48 the date on which the actual balance of cement bags on hand has been counted by the Assistant Engineer Sri K Padmanabhan and a certificate to that effect recorded by him in the stock register for the last time The audit was confined to the above period for the reason that during it the transactions relating to the receipts and issues were the heaviest and it was also learnt that there was some discrepancy in the accounting of cement bags during this period

3 The names of Municipal Commissioners, Municipal Engineers, and store-keepers that held offices during the period covered by special audit are as follows -

	Names and designation		Period during which the charge was held
1	Sri K Subba Rao, B A ,	Municipal Commr	23-1-45 to 30-9-45
2	Sri R Madhavan B E ,	-do-	1-10-45 to 6-10-45
3	Sri Safi Darashah, B A ,	-do-	7-10-45 to date of completion of audit
4	Sri R Madhavan, B E ,	Municipal Engineer	23-1-45 to 28-4-47
5	Sri S Biligiri Rao,B E	-do-	29-4-47 to date of completion of audit
6	Sri S R Bhombore	Store-keeper	23-1-45 to the date of completion of audit

4 The irregularities noticed during the special audit are detailed below, the most important of them being that relating to the huge shortage noticed between the book and actual balances of cement bags involving a heavy loss to the Municipality to the extent of about Rs 7,833/- as detailed in paras 14 and 15 infra

5 It is observed that the issues in the stock register have not been entered in chronological order for instance indents relating to the month of september 1945 have been entered after those relating to the month of october Indent No 1455 dated 7-9-45 has been entered between the indent numbers 47 and 1482 dated 8-10-45 and 10-10-45. respectively This shows that indents were not being entered in the registers as and when they arwere complied with, but at the convenience and leisure of the store-keeper Evidence is not wanting to show that the stock ledger was not posted regularly but was allowed to fall into arrears till pressure was brought to bear on him now and then

The signatures of persons to whom cement bags were issued are invariably omitted to be taken in the stock register in the column provided therefor The acknowledgment of persons receiving the cement bags is omitted to be obtained on the indents also in a good many cases The acknowledgments should have been invariably obtained in all cases

6 The pages of volumes 2 and 3 of the stock register are not machine numbered The number of pages contained in any of the stock registers has not been certified by any responsible officer before bringing it into use as required under rule 10 of M A M There are many corrections and overwritings of figures representing receipts, issues and balance of cement bags in the stock register In fact the original entries on pages 0031 to 0037 of volume I and page 8 of volume 2 of the stock register are struck off and crossed in red ink and they are written afresh and on separate pages of the stock register Pages Nos 9 to 11 of volume II of the stock register had been left blank and the reason therefor is not understood These corrections and overwritings are not attested by the Municipal Engineer or any responsible officer on his behalf The balance of Cement bags was not correctly calculated after each issue In some cases the issues themselves have not been correctly posted There are a number of instances of such carelessness and negligence On page 12 of volume II of the stock register the balance after deducting 10 bags issued out of 2234 bags of cement as per indent No 58 dated 4-6-47 is wrongly noted as 2124 in column 7 of the register instead of 2224 bags Similarly on page 13 of the same volume, the total after adding the receipt of 280 bags to the opening balance of 1683 bags of cement (on 25-7-47) is put down as 1760 instead of 1963 bags as per correct arithmetical calculation 85 tons of cement issued to the Sub-oversee Sri M Ranjappa between the 4th and 20th March 48 as per indents Nos 67 69, 73, 74, 76,78,80 and 81 have been wrongly calculated and charged off at 10 instead of 20 bags a ton actually issued and acknowledged by the Sub-Overseer

7 The original indent No 61 dated 20-8-46 of Sri P S Lakshmana Rao, Sub Overseer, was for 50 bags of cement and this figure is writte in words also But in the counterfoil indent maintained and produced by the Store-keeper, the figure 50 seems to have been corrected to 60 The correction has not been attested by any responsible Officer In the stock register however, the corrected figure namely 60 has been charged off on 21-8-46 as the number of cement bags issued The authority under which the storekeeper charged off an excess quantity of 10 bags is not known

All this indicates that there was no supervision over the work of the storekeeper, Complete check should have been exercised in respect of the work of the store-keeper in order to see that the stock books was posted regularly and correctly, re receipts, issues and balances Actual stock of cement should have also been taken at regular intervals and the same should have been compared with the correct book balances

8 The account showing the value of cement purchased periodically and taken to stock has not been maintained either at the stores or in the office of the Executive Engineer as required in rule 270 M A M only the numerical account of the cement bags received and issued is being maintained by the storekeeper in form No 78 M A M The receipts and issues of cement were omitted to be exhibited under the Debt heads "STOCK DEBIT" & "STOCK CREDIT" respectively as and when the transactions took place with the result that the value of cement actually received or issued did not at all enter the monthly cash accounts for months or even years together An abstract account showing the receipts, issues and balance of cement bags in form

Form No 79 M A M was not prepared at the end of each month as required under rule 271 M A M Sanction of Government required exceed the stock limit prescribed under this rule was not obtained, even though the value of stock purchased exceeded the limit by several thousands of rupees Every half year a balance statement of stock in hand giving particulars of rates should have been prepared and certified to for having been counted by some resporsible officer and any discrepancy discovered between the book balance and the amount actually on hand should have been reported to the Council for such orders as they may consider necessary and the statement should also have been made available to the Local Auditors for audit as laid down in the concluding portion of rule 271 M A M This rule was not observed but was grossly neglected with the result that neither the Engineer's Office nor that of the Commissioner could be aware of the huge number of cement bags that were being received and issued to works or contractors and stocked, and how the receipts and issues thereof remained unadjusted for indefinitely long periods The Municipal Executive Engineer or the Ministerial Head of his office was consequently unable to exercise the required amount of supervision and control over the work of the store-keeper and the heavy transaction conducted by him

9 Cash payments made from time to time to the firms as advances for the supply of cement under sanction of Government or towards the cost of cement supplied are being debited to the Public Debt Head- Advances in the monthly cash accounts and all incidental charges incurred thereon such as Railway freight, etc , are also debited to that Head When consignments of cement are received against advances made, necessary adjustments in accounts are omitted to be effected No separate account for amounts spent in connection with the purchases of cement has been maintained, but all kinds of advances are mixed together Issues under cement have been omitted to be adjusted by credit to the above suspense head and debit to the works concerned It is not therefore possible to find out what portion of the balances shown as outstanding in the monthly cash accounts under "Advances" forms the cost of cement or how much of it represents the value of balance of cement actually on hand In the absence of this information and for want of preparation of half yearly statements of stock on hand giving particulars of rates, etc , the exact amount of loss sustained by the Municipality cannot be found out But the amount of loss has however been estimated as correctly as possible as detailed in para 15 infra from the information that could be gathered from the office

10 Out of the total number of 3663 bags of cement issued to some of the subordirates during the period covered by the present special audit, information was not made available as to the bill or the bills in which the cost of 1389 bags of cement issued to subordinates as detailed in Annexure 'C' was recovered and adjusted A detailed statement furnishing particulars of recovery and adjustment may be made available for audit The value of as many bags of cement as may be omitted to be satisfactorily accounted for, will have to be recovered from the subordinates concerned

11 From the date of the present store-keeper Sri S R Bhombore took charge of the stores, ie , from 23-1-45 upto 12-4-48 the date upto which the accounts have been audited, the balance stock of cement bags on hand has been counted only thrice, i.e , on 9-11-45, when both the book and actual balances agreed, and showed nil balances, on 30-8-47 for the second time and for the 3rd and the last time on 12-4-48, as per the

the counting certificates to that effect recorded in the stock register by Sri R Madhavan Municipal Executive Engineer, in the first case and by Sri K Padmanabhan, Assistant Engineer, in the last two cases There is no token of the stock having been actually counted by any responsible officer on any occasion during the period intervening between 9-11-45 and 30-8-47 and between this dat on 12-4-48 No evidence is on record to show that stock was counted even on the date on which Sri R Madhavan and Sri S Biligiri Rao, Executive Engineers handed over and took charge respectively at the end of April 1947 This is a serious omission It was this omission and failure to exercise adequate supervision over the work of the store-keeper that enabled him to defraud the Municipality to the extent of several thousands of rupees as detailed in paras 14 and 15 below The reason for the omission in instituting necessary investigation immediately after the counting of stock on 30-8-47 and finding a huge shortage between the book balance and the actual stock on hand is not also understood

12 It is seen from the records of the Municipal Engineer's Office that there was reason to suspect the honesty of the store-keeper Sri S R Bhombore so long back as 2-11-45 as is evident from the memo No E2 P R 62-45-46 of that date issued by the then Municipal Engineer, Sri R Madhavan in which he has called for the explanation of the store-keeper for the shortage of 73 bags of cement noticed by him at the stores on 29-10-46, the actual balance on hand having been nil as against the book balance of as many bags The Store-keeper has submitted his explanation on 6-11-45 to the effect that there were, on that date, 64 bags in the stores after issuing 10 bags to a suboverseer No record was available to show how this explanation of the storekeeper which in effect refuted the charge levelled against him by the Engineer was treated by him On 19-11-45, however, the Municipal Engineer has addressed a D O letter to the Municipal Commissioner suggesting the transfer of the storekeeper from the stores on plea of unsatisfactory work and requesting to post some other honest and reliable man but in this letter the specific charge, re the shortage of cement bags found by him has been omitted to be brought to the notice of the Commissioner The reason for this omission is not understood The question of his transfer does not seem to have been pursued further and insisted upon If suitable disciplinary action had been taken against him in time and the store-keeper removed from the stores immediately, i e , during November 1945, the present fraud could have been averted and the avoidable heavy loss to the Municipality could have been prevented

13 A verification of the bills for the supply of cement which have been pending payment in the office with the stock register has disclosed that a consignment consisting of 380 bags of cement supplied by the Cement Marketing Company of India Ltd , as per their bill No C 572 dated 28-2-48 (vide R R No 177/73 dated 28-2-48 and waggon No 30562 E I R) and received by the store-keeper at the stores on 4-3-48, has been omitted by him to be brought on the stock register (on the receipt side) During the period intervening between the dates 18-2-48 and 12-4-48 a quantity of only 1620 bags of cement has been taken to stock register as receipts by the store keeper as against 2000 bags supplied by the above firm and actually received by him as detailed below and as testified to by the receipts acknowledged by him

No & date of bills	No of bags supplied	R R No & date	Date of receipt in the stock register	Quantity brought on the stock register	Remarks

No & date of bills	No of bags supplied	R R No & date	Date of receipt in the stock register	Quantity brought on the stock register		Remarks
				Page	No of bags	
C 527 13-2-48	400	176/75 13-2-48	18-2-48	16	400	
2 C 536 17-2-48	400	176/100 17-2-48	22-2-48	16	400	
3 C 542 18-2-48	440	177/12 18-2-48	25-2-48	17	440	
4 C 548 21-2-48	380	177/38 21-2-48	25-2-48	17	380 *	* Omitted to be brought on the register
5 C 572 28-2-48	380	177/73 28-2-48	4-3-48	-	-	
Total	2000				1620	

On the last mentioned bill (item No 5) the store-keeper has furnished a stock certificate that the bags were received at the store on 25-2-48 and that they are taken to stock on page 17 of the stock register That this certificate is false is proved by the fact that the consignment actually booked on 28-2-48 could not have been received three days earlier at Bangalore, i e , on 25-2-48 and that the total quantity recorded is received on page 17 of the register is 820 bags which represents the total quantities supplied as per bills Nos 542 and 548 (items 3 & 4 above) and the quantity received as per bill No 572 (vide item 5 above) has not been entered on any page of the stock register

14 As per the (Numerical) stock account of receipts, issues and balances maintained by the store-keeper the balances as noted by him in the stock register on 30-8-1947 and 12-4-1948 widely differed from the correct balances in that they showed 1477 and 2748 bags as against the correct book balances of 1728 and 2421 bags on those dates respectively as per details noted below

Opening balance on 23-1-45 representing the quantity the present storekeeper took charge from his predecessor as recorded in the stock register and charge report — 1971 bags

Total receipts, from 23-1-45 to 30-8-1947 as per bills received and paid and bills that are still pending payment as verified with the entries in the Stock register — 22308 bags

Receipts from 23-1-45 to 29-7-46 — 20913 bags

Receipts from 30-7-1946 to 30-8-1947 as verified from the bills pending — 1395

Total receipts — 24279

Total issues as recorded in the stock register for the above period	22501 b
Balance	1778 bags
Deduct issues left out to be noted in the register during the period in question as per annexure "A"	71 bags
Balance	1707 bags
Add excess issues noted in the stock register as verified during audit (vide annexure B)	21 bags.
Correct balance that should be on hand on 30-8-1947	1728 bags
II Opening balance on 31-8-1947 as per above details	1728 bags
Receipts from 31-8-47 to the end of 12-4-48 as verified from the bills pending payment in the office (including the consignment of 380 bags referred to in para 13 supra)	5600 bags
Total	7328 bags
Issues during the above period as verified from indents	4901 bags
Balance	2427 bags
Deduct issues omitted to be noted in the stock register during the above period vide annexure "A"	6 bags
The correct balance that ought to be on hand on 12-4-1948	2421 bags

15 But as against the correct book balances of 1728 and 2421 bags arrived at as in para 14 supra on 30-8-1947 and 12-4-1948, there were only 85 and 462½ bags actually on hand as per the counting certificates recorded by the Assistant Engineer on those dates respectively There was thus a shortage of 1643 bags unaccounted for by the store-keeper on 30-8-1947 which mounted to 1958½ bags on 12-4-1948 thereby putting the Municipal Council to a heavy loss estimated at Rs 7,833/- as detailed below

		Rs
(i)	Cost of 248 bags of cement purchased prior to June 1947 at Rs 63-8-0 per ton	787-6-6
(ii)	Cost of 1395 bags of cement purchased from the Mysore Iron Works, Bhadravati, during the period from 2-6-47 to 30-8-47 as per bills pending payment at Rs 68-8-0 per ton	4777-14-0

(iii) Cost of 315½ bags of cement purchased from the Cement Marketing Co , of India Ltd , during the month of February 1948 at Rs 91/- per ton	1435-8-6
Cost of 1958½ bags of cement	7000-13-0
(iv) Add unloading charges at Rs 0-8-0 per ton on 98 tons	49-0-0
(v) Add transit charges from Railway Good-Shed to Municipal Store at 0-0-7 per bag as per data furnished by the Engineer's office	71-6-0
Total cost	7121-3-0
(vi) Add centage at 10%	712-2-0
Total cost of ~~1958½~~ bags of cement representing loss to the Municipality	7833-5-0

OR(Rs 7 833/- in round figures)

16 The several serious irregularities and grave omissions referred to above call for immediate and needful further investigation with a view to make good the avoidable loss to the Municipality as early as possible Suitable disciplinary action has also to be taken in the matter besides making immediate needful arrangements to prevent the recurrence of such frauds

17 The amount noted above (Rs 7,833/-) represents approximately the cost of cement It is possible the store-keeper might have realised much more amount by way of sale of cement or so Under the circumstances it is for the Council to recover either Rs 7,833/- or any higher sum that they may consider necessary

Sd K Thirumalachar,
Assistant Comptroller
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Municipal Commissioner

Census tract 1, Baltimore, Maryland
Table P-1. Race and Spanish Origin of Persons: 1970 and 1960
(Base 10)

"CS" Type A

Name of Subdivision	Total Persons	Persons of Spanish Origin	Percent of Total Persons	Negro and Other Races	Percent of Total Persons
1. Abell	1,847	12	0.6	1,835	99.4
2. Abell/East	1,158	7	0.6	1,151	99.4
3. Abell/West	689	5	0.7	684	99.3
4. Bolton Hill	1,981	31	1.6	1,950	98.4
5. Charles Village/Mt. Vernon	3,609	18	0.5	3,591	99.5
6. Downtown	1,247	17	1.4	1,230	98.6
7. Fells Point	4,844	124	2.6	4,720	97.4
8. Greenmount East	2,578	22	0.9	2,556	99.1
9. Harlem Park	2,417	15	0.6	2,402	99.4
10. Inner Harbor	2,615	10	0.4	2,605	99.6
11. Mt. Royal	1,207	6	0.5	1,201	99.5
12. Remainder	4,284	-	-	4,284	100.0
Total	32,429	257	0.8	32,172	99.2

Cement Bags in respect of which information is not available as to the Bill or Bills in which they were adjusted (para 10)

ANNEXURE "C"

Name of Subordinates	No of bags taken	Bags used up and adjusted	Balance to be adjusted
1. M Shamanna	281	198	83
2. K.S Vasist	118	105	13
3. D Siddappa	29	4	25
4. P Sadagopal	381	62	319
5. B R Suryanarayana Rao	1506	997	509
6. S Shamanna	187	174	13
7. R V Naidu	568	184	384
8 C R Acharya	55	42	13
9 G Nanjundaiah	344	265	79
10. S N Rama Rao	227	210	17
11 R Vittal Rao	153	53	100
12 Bhagavansingh	34	-	34
Total	3663	2274	1389

(Sd) K Rajagopala Iyengar

SUPERINTENDENT

Indent No. & Date	Quantity as per Indent	Quantity Re...	Source of Supplier	Remarks
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
		[illegible]	[illegible]	
		[illegible]	[illegible]	
		[illegible]	[illegible]	
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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	[illegible]		[illegible]	

DIFFERENCE IN QUANTITIES INDENTED AND THAT TAKEN TO STOCK REGISTER.

ANNEXURE "B"

Indent No & Date	Quantity as per Indent	Quantity noted in Stock Register		Remarks.
82/11-12-47	1		(2) 2	
62/3-1-46	300 bags	P 0026	200	
		P 0027	20	
		P.0028	15	
		P.0029	15	
		P 0029	20	
		P 0029	20	
		P 0030	20	
			310	
61/28-8-46	50 bags	60 bags	60	
	351 bags		372 bags	

Excess issues - 21 bags

(Sd) K Rajagopala Iyengar

Superintendent.

Management Association,
Professional Engineers
of Ontario
(PEO)

Chief Executive Officer	----	Terry Mundell
Executive Vice President	Lou Comparelli, Bus. Mgr.	Ian Montgomery
Director Administration	Lou Gierman	Ann Hoffman

EQUINE THEFT SQUAD FROM 1-8-1981 TO 15-4-1981

11	Sergeant in Charge	Ian Cameron
10	Corporal	Ian Cameron
9	Constable	Ian Cameron
8	- do -	Ian Cameron
7	- do -	Ian Cameron
6	- do -	Ian Cameron
5	- do -	Ian Cameron
4	- do -	Ian Cameron
3	- do -	Ian Cameron
2	- do -	Ian Cameron
1	- do -	Ian Cameron

Page 1 of 2 Report Date 15-1-82

Thursday, 14th January, 1982 10:01 a.m.

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(Issues not taken to Stock Register during the period from 25-1-45 to 31-8-1947)

ANNEXURE "A"

Indent No & Date	Name of the Suboverseer	Particulars	Quantity bags.
39/15-2-1945	M Shamanna	For constructing compound wall around the proposed scraps iron shops in old Bus Stand, VI Division.	2
18/17-10-46	K.G Nagaraja Sastry	Construction of Compound wall at the junction of Albert Victor Road and Sultan Road, Chamarajpet	30
12/19-2-45	S P Ramakrishna Chetty	For the use of Octori Bunk in IV Division	1
59/10-10-45	- do -	For the use of Compound wall in Bannappa Park	1
55/17-1-46	V A K.Murthy	For the improvement of Swimming Pool (one ton)	20
78/15-1-47	- do -	For the drain gang work in IV division	2
89/20-5-47	- do -	For departmental gang work	5
71/12-12-47	B R Suryanarayana Rao	For constructing drains in Beli Mut Sweepers Colony	10
			71

DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1-9-1947 to 12-4-1948.

96/31-3-48	Bhagavansingh	For drain repairs	2
3178/2-3-48	R Vittal Rao	For constructing Bus Shelter	2
Authority Slip	Health Officer	----	2
		Grand Total	77

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(Sd) K Rajagopala Iyengar

Superintendent,
Audit Sect'--

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23.7.48

To

The M.C. Comm.
Bangalore City
Mlty
Bangalore
(Through the President)

Subject - Loss of cement bags in the Stores of the Bangalore City Mlty and special audit report of the Comptroller in connection therewith

Sir,

With reference to your letter No A5 429/47 dated 3rd Jan 1948 stating that the Executive Engineers who were doing duty in the Municipality during the period 5th R Madhavan and Sri S Bhoja Rao

have been reminded to submit
their explanations in the matter
and that on receipt of the same
the whole case will be placed before
the CI Etc, I am directed to
observe that the explanations
of the above said officers have
not been received though
some months have elapsed they
may be called for immediately
and submitted to Govt
2 I am also to enquire,
in this connection, what action
is proposed to be taken against
those other officers
whose neglect of duty is
pointed out in the Auditor's
report. Was exemption from Annexure C to the
report that about 1 subordinates have taken 3663 bags of cement
only when the favour of an immediate
reply is requested

Yours Etc

Copy with Compts to the Comptr & Auditor Genl for
information with reference to his letter No 10479/CL-48 dated the
Copy with Compts to the Secy to Govt Revenue Dept
for information with reference to his letter No 2-7-48 L 893/237-48
dated the

there was sufficient scope for the lost of cement bags This has also been referred to in the preliminary report of the Comptroller to the Financial Secretary in his letter No 381/CLAD dated 28-4-48 It will, therefore be seen that irregularities occured long before I took charge and it was brought to light by me With considerable tact and difficulty I managed to recover a sum of Rs 5,200/- as per preliminary audit and got it remitted to the treasury on 30-4-48 just before my handing over charge in the Municipality on 1-5-48 The balance as per final report which was received subsequent to my handing over charge could be adjusted out of the pay due to him, his security deposit, insurance etc ,

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rs/ MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER

Copy of Confidential letter No 797/48-49 dated 30th August 1948 From Sri R Madhavan, Engineer Officer, The City Improvement Trust Board, Bangalore to the Municipal Commissioner, City Municipality

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Subject - Special Audit of the accounts of the Municipal Stores of the Engineering Department with reference to stocks of cement

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With reference to your Memo forwarding copy of your letter No A5 C 429/47 dated the 3rd July 1948 enclosing a copy of letter No 479/C L A D dated 28/29th June 1948, from the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore to the Financial Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, and calling for my explanation regarding certain observations made by the Comptroller, I have the honour to state as follows -

I took charge of the Office of the Municipal Engineer in 1944 during the war The roads had gone extremely bad on account of heavy military traffic and many other urgent works had not progressed satisfactorily Before I took charge there was a strong protest even in the Legislative Council that the works in the Municipality were not going on satisfactorily and efficiently It was at this juncture that I was brought in and the Municipal Council expected much from me I, with all enthusiasm and support from the Councillors and Municipal Commissioners gave all my time and energy to do my utmost in the matter of carrying out all engineering works that were necessary to keep the beautiful City of Bangalore in tidy condition Concreting of roads paving of foot-paths, tarring of metal roads and other important works like the construction of Vegetable Markets, Fish and Poultry stalls and other important works were taken up The works were becoming extremely heavy on me due to constant inspection of works in the mornings, receiving visitors in the Office who used to continue till late in the evening, receiving and disposing of hundreds of petitions, issuing of licenses for construction of buildings and endorsements etc , The work was so enormous that it was physically impossible for me to carry on Recommendations were sent up by me to the Council to reorganise the Office Establishment and to post necessary Account staff to deal with the enormous volume of correspondence, Bills and Store Accounts This proposal was supported by the Municipal Council and the Resolution of the Council was submitted to Government for strengthening the establishment of the Engineering Section for favour of sanction Years passed and no relief came from Government The establishment that was sanctioned in the year 1912 continued even during 1947 after 35 years inspite of enormous increase in the office work The Comptroller in his present letter No 479/CLAD dated 29th June 48 to the Financial Secretary to the Government of Mysore, reporting the auditing of cement accounts rightly observes in Para 4 while detailing the activities of the Engineering Department of the Bangalore City Municipality, that -

> "The activities of the Department which are ever on the increase with the growth of the City exceeded those of any normal Division in the Public Works Department The Municipal Engineer should therefore have had the assitance of a competent divisional Accountant in the maintenance of the accounts of his Office and to advise him in all financial matters Kind reference is also in this connection, invited to the suggestion of the Assistant Comptroller Sri K S Narayan Iyer in his Special Report on the examination of the several questions relating to the finances of the Bangalore City Municipality on Page 61 of the printed Report under the heading "System of Accounts suggested for improvement He has recommended therein that the posts of the ministerial heads of the Revenue and Health in general and that of the Engineering Section in particular might be given to the Accountants of the Comptroller's Office so that the accounts and audit work might be got done regularly in accordance with rules "

Copy of letter No 27/2 dated 14-8-1948 from Sri S Bangiri Rao, B E Superintending Engineer, Mysore Circle, Mysore to the Commissioner City Municipality, Bangalore

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SPECIAL AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE MUNICIPAL STORES OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT WITH REFERENCE TO STOCKS OF CEMENT

With reference to your letter No Nil dated Nil forwarding a copy of your letter No A 5 1429 of 3-7-1948 to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department on the above subject, I have the honour to state as follows -

2 I took charge on 28-4-47 from Sri Madhavan He sent the memo on works on 4-6-47, 5 weeks later Extract of para 1 of the memo relating to cement which reads as under -

"A statement of cement account showing receipts and issues and adjustments and recoveries to be made may be got prepared in the Office It is learnt that cement account has not been posted up-to-date by the Store Keeper The Assistant Engineer has been instructed to get this done at once", was referred to Sri Padmanabhan, Assistant Engineer on 4-6-47 since he was in charge of the Stores as per memo No O B 3/145 dated 4-3-46, passed by Sri Madhavan (Copy enclosed) and Sri Padmanabhan has duly noted the extract on 9-6-47

3 While taking over charge in the Municipality I did not count the stores since a Gazetted Officer was in charge as could be seen from para 2 above Besides, I was not aware of the irregularity with regard to cement, neither Sri Madhavan nor Sri Padmanabha made any mention about it to me at the time But as soon as I received the memo on works, five weeks later i e , on 4-6-47, I took immediate action Even then I had no reason to suspect the Store Keeper

4 As pointed out in para 10 of the preliminary audit report, ever since 23-1-45, when Sri Bhombore took charge of the stores, it was only once on 30-8-47, i e , 4 months after I took charge and at no time previously, that the balance of cement bags was counted by Sri Padmanabhan and a counting certificate to that effect recorded There was no material for me to find out any discrepancy between the stock on hand and the book balance, since the book had not been posted as mentioned by Sri Madhavan himself (vide extract in para 2 supra) As observed in para 4 of the Comptroller's letter No 479/CLAD of 29-6-48 to the Financial Secretary, it was impossible to get the accounts written up with out a Divisional Accountant with intimate knowledge of the procedure of accounting as in the P W D The Store Keeper was also not conversant with the accounts The practice of getting returns under 270 and 271 M A M does not seem to have been at any time in vogue or insisted upon in the Municipality In view of the evasive attitude of the Store Keeper to write up the accounts inspite of my issuing him a warning and stopping his pay for 6 months from September '47 on the reports of the Assistant Engineer Sri Padmanabhan, the Commissioner was finally requested by me to arrange for a special audit of the Stores

5 In conclusion, I wish to add that accounts had not been written up when I assumed charge and all possible steps were taken by me to regularise them by conducting a physical verification of the available stock, and arranging for special audit, after allowing adequate time and facilities to the Store Keeper to post the accounts which were in arrears for the last two years I may, however, point out that most of the transactions took place during my predecessor's time as could be seen from the Auditor's report, that the total quantity of cement handled during his time of three years was 1140 tons as against 350 during my incumbancy of one year. Out of 1140 tons, a huge quantity of about 540 tons was received during the short period of 40 days from 19-6-46 to 29-7-46 as could be seen from the statement for the said period attached herewith, and there

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From the above remarks and observation of the Comproller, it can be seen that under what handicap the Municipal Engineer had to work and the enormous amount of responsibility that he had to shoulder in addition to the heavy works, both executive and administrative It may not be out of place tomention that it was a matter of routine for me to carry huge bundles of papers to my house and sit late in the night to finish the volumnous amount of correspondence Even to-day the Municipality cannot be proud of its efficiency in any branch of its activities particularly in the Engineering Section There are hundreds of unanswered referances with each of the subbordinates without being disposed off This is all due to want of adequat administrative staff as rightly pointed out by the Compotroller

The Comptroller in his letter to the Financial Secretary also observes that "The Head Clerk of the Manager of the Office of the Municipal Executive Engineer cannot also be obsolved from all responsibility in this matter As the ministerial head of the Office, it was his duty to have brought to the notice of the Executive Engineer the omission on the part of the Store Keeper in not having submitted the prescribed monthly and half-yearly reports and the irregular and perfunctory manner in which he was maintaining the Store accounts " This is another clear proof of the meagre assistance I had from the Office Section

<u>The above facts have been detailed to show clearly how it was impossible to carry on the administration and give close attention to all details without adequate administrative staff and their help</u>

With the above preface let me explain the Comptroller's remarks pertaining to the following irregularities -

1 'The fraud could not have occurred if the Municipal Executive Engineer had exercised adequate supervision over the work of the Store Keeper and instructions contained in Rules 269 and 271 of M A M which provide for getting monthly and half yearly statements from the Store Keeper and for the counting of actual balance of stock on hand periodically and comparing it with the book balance with a view to prevent loss to the Municipality had been strictly enforced by him "

2 "The fact that the Municipal Engineer did not take suitable disciplinary action against the Store Keeper and remove him from the responsible post as long back as 20-10-1945 when there was some proof of his dishonesty as detailed in para 12 of the Report has also contributed to the commission of the fraud which could have otherwise been prevented "

I may be permitted to state in answer to the above that due to the enormous increase in the volume of work in the Municipality and as it was impossible for me to give personal attention to all matters, the Government was pleased to raise the status of the Municip Engineer to that of an Executive Engineer and sanctioned Two Assistant Engineers to help him One of these responsible Officers - Sri K Padmanabhan - Assistant Engineer, was placed directly in charge of the Stores as per Memo dated <u>4-3-1946</u> This Officer was expected to exercise adequate supervision over the work of the Store keeper and if instructions contained in Rules 269 and 271 of the M A M which provide for getting monthly and half yearly statements from the Store Keeper and for the counting of actual balance of stock on hand periodically and comparing it with the Book balance with a view to prevent loss to the Municipality had been strictly enforced by him, this fraud would not have occurred When such a Responsible Officer as the Assistant Engineer, who was directly in-charge of the Stores knew that the accounts were not properly posted and rendered, he must have checked the balance of stock articles much earlier and reported th matter to the Municipal Engineer instead of checking the balance on 30-8-47 <u>four months after I left the Office</u> The Assistant Engineer must have exercised complete check in respect of the work of the Store

Store Keeper in order to see that the books were posted regularly ar correctly regarding receipts, issues and balances Actual stock of cement should have also been taken at regular intervals and the same should have been compared with the correct book balance In his explanation we could see that his activities mostly started only on and after 30-8-1947 i e , four months after I handed over charge If he had given any report prior to it as he has stated, I must have certainly endorsed his recommendations and instructed the Store Keeper to attend to his instructions and as Stores Officer reponsible for the Stores he must have followed it up

With the experience that the Engineers gained in Mandya cement case, I was very careful and alert regarding issue of cement fromthe Stores The method of procedure adopted as detailed below regarding issue of cement can clearly show the careful way in which cement was issued from Stores

1 A responsible Gazetted Officer was placed directly in-charge of the Stores to supervise the accounts of the Stores and arrange to render accounts as contemplated under Rules 269 and 271 of the M A M

2 No cement was issued without an indent in the printed form signed by the respective Assistant Engineers

3 A register was opened in the Engineer's Office to enter all the cement issued to several contractors with all details to facilitate counter-check in the Engineer's Office

It was learnt through the Accounts Clerk, Sri N Gangiah on 20-10-1945 that there was some discrepancy in the stock accounts relating to the receipts and issues and balance of cement I ~~immediate~~] immediately gave a surprise visit to the Stores in company with the Range Officer Sri A H Krishna Rao, the Sub Overseer Sri M Nanjappa and Sri N Gangiah, Clerk I found that the book balance of cement in Stock Register was 73 bags and there was no balance of cement in the Stores I threatened the Store Keeper if the balance of cement in Stores does not agree with the Register, I would report the matter to the Municipal Commissioner and if necessary recommend his dismissal from service As the matter was very serious, I issued a Memo No E2 Pr 62/45-46 dated 2-11-1945 (Enclosure No 1) calling for the explanation of the Store Keeper for the shortage of 73 bags of cement The missing bags were replaced by the Store Keeper The actual shortage was 73 bags as per postings in the Register on 29-10-45 and the Store Keeper might have issued 10 bags on 6-11-1945 to Sub Overseer Sri M Nanjappa The Range Officer Sri Vasudevan who was also the Stores Officer was directed to scrutinise the accounts and check the balance The accounts were scrutinised by the Range Officer and a Certificate for having checked the balance was given by the Stores Officer Sri Vasudevan and the same was checked by me on 9-11-1945 As I was not quite satisfied with the work of the Store Keeper Sri Bhombore and his honesty I immediately made a confidential report to the Municipal Commissioner as per D O No E2 P R 62/45-46 dated 19-11-1945 (Enclosure No 2) stating that the work of the Store Keeper was unsatisfactory and he might be transferred and some other honest and reliable man posted in his place immediately This was followed by another appeal by me to the Municipal Commissioner in Memo No E2 P R 62/45-46 dated 6-12-1945 to transfer the Store Keeper Sri Bhombore)Enclosure No 3) As no action was taken on my recommendation and as the matter was very urgent and as I thought it was just the time (when the store accounts were all-rig to shift the Store-keeper, I had to talk with the Municipal Commissioner and intimated that it was not desirable to continue the Store keeper in the Stores as he was not reliable and the accounts were not maintained properly to facilitate ready check of the receipt and issue of cement bags I informed the Municipal Commissioner that some cement bags were also missing in the Stores and that I took immediate action, and threatened the Store keeper with dire consequences and that he subsequen ly replaced the cement bags The matter was further discussed between us and it was decided to place the matter before the Municipal Council

Council to see a transfer is given effect to A resolution was tabled on 25-1-1946 for effecting immediate transfer of the Store keeper The matter was considered by the Municipal Council but most unfortunately, the Council resolved that the Store-keeper might be continued in his place as per Resolution dated 28-2-1946

From the above facts, it can be seen that I did take suitable disciplinary action (as required by the Comptroller in his letter to the Financial Secretary) against the Store keeper Sri Bhombore and made utmost effort to remove him from the responsible post so long back as 19-11-1945 but it was not possible as explained above Thus, I am not reponsible if he was not removed from the Office

From the records, it can be seen that I was frequently issuing instructions as detailed in memos dated 27-10-1945, dated 28-11-45 to the Store keeper for posting the accounts up-to-date and calling for monthly and half-yearly returns The Stock-ledger was not posted regularly but was allowed to fall into arrears till pressure was brought to bear on the Store-keeper now and then Again, a memo dated 13-2-46 was issued to the Store-keeper to post the cement account and get them audited by the Auditor before 15-2-1946 Again, the accounts were not posted As the Store-keeper continued to disregard the orders, I became desperate and I believe to have stopped the disbursement of the pay of the Store-keeper some time during Nov 1945 and March 1946 Again a Memo on 28-11-46 to the Store keeper (Enclosure No 4)

From this, it can be seen that I did exercise all the disciplinary action that was expected of me and that was within my power

The Assistant Engineer - Sri Padmanabhan who was placed directly in-charge of the Stores was repeatedly directed to check the accounts of the Stores and on every such occasion the Assistant Engineer used to intimate that the accounts were not posted up-to-date by the Store Keeper and that he had instructed him to post the accounts Even on the date of my handing over charge i e , 28-4-1947 I asked the Stores Officer, Sri Padmanabhan whether the accounts were posted for handing over charge He said that he had checked all the materials except the cement as the cement accounts were not posted up-to-date by the Store Keeper Thus when I handed over charge to Sri Biligiri Rao, I was not placed in a position to hand over charge of the cement as the accounts were not posted up-to-date How I wish at-least at that time that the Stores Officer Sri Padmanabhan had made a report after actually counting the cement bags just as he did the other articles of the Stores instead of 4 months after I left the Municipality

When I handed over charge, I gave a clear "Memo on Works" covering 15 pages to my Successor Sri Biligiri Rao intimating that cement accounts had not been posted up-to-date by the Store Keeper and the Assistant Engineer was instructed to get this done at once and recoveries of cement issued to several contractors might be caused to be made in the respective Bills of the Contractor before the end of the Official year and intimating that some matters require his personal and immediate attention I sent a copy of the above "Memo on Works" to the Municipal Commissioner for favour of perusal and needful I believe no immediate action was taken by the Municipal Engineer or by the Municipal Commissioner

From the above report, it can be seen that as long as I remained in the Municipality as the Municipal Engineer, I did my best and all that was expected of me and that I have not failed in my duty inspite of very heavy work and responsibility that were brought to bear on me I have discharged my duty faithfully and honestly -ven under a heavy strain of works with meagre establishment I had

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The above report covers the period of my stay in the Municipality, i e , from August 1944 to April 1947 and the irregularities and the fraud that continued after my departure including the missing of 380 bags of cement during March 1948 as pointed out by the Auditor in para 13 of his report and the findings of the Auditor in para 11 e g , "The reason for the omission in instituting necessary investigation immediately after the counting the Stock on 30-8-47 and finding a huge shortage between the ok balance and the actual stock on hand is not also understood, all answerable by my successor Sri Biligiri Rao - the then icipal Executive Engineer

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opy of letter No 861/47-48 dated 11-5-48 from Mr K Padmanabhan, stant Engineer to the Municipal Executive Engineer, Bangalore

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Subject - Special Audit of the Accounts of the Municipal Stores of the Engineering Department in the Bangalore City Municipality

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With reference to your above forwarding copy of Municipal Commissioner's memo No A5 C 429/47-48 of 29-4-1948 and calling for a report in the matter, in inviting your kind reference to my detailed reports Nos E3.P.R 341/47-48 of 4-9-47 and 12-9-47 detailing the "Irregularities in the Store Accounts of the Engineering Section" and the Irregularities in the maintenance of cement accounts" respectively, copies of which are herein enclosed for your ready reference, I have the honour to state as under

1 The Special Audit of the stock accounts of the Municipal Stores of the Engineering Department relating to the receipts, issues and balances of cement, conducted by the Superintendent of the Audit Section and his assistant, as desired by the Municipal Commissioner in his memo No.A5 C 429/47-48 of 24-2-48 has been based on the Annual Counting of the Stock on 30-8-47 by me

2 While the counting of stock on 30-8-47 and recording the same in the stock register were done, entirely to facilitate the Executive Engineer to send up his official report of the year, the report submitted by me the same day, to the Executive Engineer (vide Appx 1) states that the cement accounts has not been fully rendered

3 As mentioned in the above report that " a detailed report on the stock checking is being drafted and is under submission" a detailed note on the "Irregularities in Store Accounts of the Engineering Section" as they stood at the end of the year 1946-47 (vide Appx 3) of 4-9-47 and a tabular statement (vide Appx 4) showing the periodic remarks were submitted with No E3 P R 341/47-48 on 4-9-47 (vide Appx 2)

In this note also, mention had been made that the "Released Materials Accounts" and "Cement Accounts" are still not rendered by the Store Keeper, and that the services of a trained and responsible Store Keeper is immediately necessary to regularise the transactions and adopt systematic and correct procedure in future

4 The above detailed note was followed up with another note on the "Irregularities in the maintenance of Cement Accounts" in continuation of E3 P R 341/47-48 on 12-9-47 (vide Appx 5) This note gives a clear picture of the state of affairs of the Cement Accounts from June 1946 to the date of submission of the note viz 12 9 47

Mention has also been made (vide para 13, appx 5) about the irresponsibility of the Store keeper in his works and (vide para 14) Appx 5) about the future action to be taken.

5 The Counting of the store accounts for the year ending June 46, was taken up as late as August 1946, owing to the entries in the registers not having been posted up In the case of Cement, even the register was not available However as the actual stock of cement in the Stores in the Second Week of June 1946 was nil, this was recorded in a report by me, with a remark that the counting could not be certified in the register as the same was not made available

6 From this time onwards, the undersigned was insisting upon

upon the Store Keeper to produce the Stock register with transactions posted correctly and in consonance with the Auditor's remarks on 1-6-46 and 17-6-46

He did not heed to the instructions given by me to post the transactions up to date, and the register remained unposted even in August 1946

I had thus reported the irresponsibility of the Store Keeper no sooner than five months of my having entered the Municipality

7 The detailed checking of all other Stores excepting "Cement" and 'Released materials" the accounts of which were not forthcoming was completed by end of August 46 and a report submitted, detailing the irregularities and certain descrepancies observed and requesting orders for the auctioning of certain unserviceable articles

The observations that had been made regarding cement accounts in this report have been reiterated (vide Col 1, para 12 of Appx 4).

8 The Store Keeper was being instructed repeatedly both personally and by official memos, to get the postings brought up to date, but half- hearted measures were attempted by him, and the accounts were not ready even during January 47 A report was submitted during February 1947 that half-yearly counting could not be done, as registers with transactions posted uptodate were not forthcoming

9 During April 1947, when there was change in the personnel of the Executive Engineers, the checking of certain stores to the extent rendered possible by the postings of the concerned registers by the Store-Keeper was done, and in these registers only, the incoming and the outgoing officers have attested their signature.

10 The fact that other stock registers including that of cement had not been posted, in spite of repeated instructions, was brought to the notices of both the officers

Mention in para 1 of the memo on works of Mr R Madhavan, the ex-Executive Engineer in his memo No 3260 of 2-6-47 that "It is learnt that cement account has not been posted uptodate by the Store Keeper substantiates the above statement (vide Appx 6)

11 The details of observations that had been made then, and reported, have again been mentioned in col 2 of Appx 4, submitted on 4-9-47

12 It has also been mentioned in the Memo on works (vide Appx 6) that "The Assistant Engineer has been instructed to get 'this done at once'

13 Additional help by way of compilation of accounts in the office, and assistances of a temporary Maistry, the divisional clerk Mr Gangiah, and Suboverseer Mr M Ranjappa were given to the Store Keeper by me (vide paras 4,7,8 & 9 of Appx 5 of 12-9-47) These along with my personal efforts to facilitate the correct accounts being brought uptodate (vide para 5 of Appx 5 of 12-9-47) went futile, as there was no response and co-operation from the Store Keeper, and the accounts remained incomplete till August 1947

14 As the checking could not be further delayed (vide para 2 supra) the stock actually on hand was counted on 30-8-47 and the result was recorded in the stock register, a report being submitted the same day stressing about the incorrigibility of the Store-keeper and recommending his pay being withheld (vide Appx 1 of 30-8-47)

15 This report was followed up with the notes on 4-9-47 and on 12-9-47, recapitualating the previous remarks and giving out

out the entire details for the period from June 46 to August 47 (vide Appendices 3 & 4 of 4-9-47 and Appx 5 of 12-9-47)

16 Further reports stating that the accounts of cement were still not furnished, were submitted to the Executive Engineer on 1-10-47 and 17-10-47

17 From the Executive Engineer's memo of 18-11-47 (vide Appx 12) which has directly been referred to the Store keeper, without passing through me, it was clear that the accounts remained unposted even on that date

18 As it was felt that the situation was rather unsafe to be delayed any longer, as no desciplinary action could be enforced on the Store keeper by me, and as the Store keeper was intractable, I was constrained to bring the facts to the notice of the Commissioner informally on several occasions It was as a result of one such discussion during February with the Commissioner, that the Memo No A5 C 429/47-48 of 24-2-48 got issued.

19 It may not be out of place to mention that from some of the available records in the office (vide Appendices 7/2-11-45, 8/8-11-45, 9/19-11-45 and 11/11-11-46) the Store keeper was not only not honest, but also not reliable

These, along with my periodical reports about his being incorrigible and irresponsible in his work, the confused and disorderly condition in which he had maintained the registers and the continued indifference to the repeated personal instructions and official memos should have caused his removal from that place, but unfortunately this has not been so.

20 Also a perusal of appendices 10/14-10-46, 11/11-11-46 and 12/18-11-47 and other official records show that the bills and correspondence relating to the purchase and issue of store articles including cement were being dealt by the Executive Engineer and his office and the Store-keeper without their passing through me

In conclusion, in stating that a) my repeated attempts to effect certain improvements and order in the maintenance of store accounts went without any support (b) I had realised and reported the irresponsibility of the Store keeper as early as August 46, and was pressing home the periodical findings in support of the same (c) I had found the Store keeper unmanageable and had appealed to the higher authorities for bringing him under discipline, and finally (d) that wit out striking the book balances after posting of all transactions correctly, no amount of periodical counting of stocks could have been of any avail Ihave the honour to submit that I had done all that was possible and could be expected under the circumstances

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Sd P Padmanabhan
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Report on 30-8-1947 APPENDIX I

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The S K has not yet submitted the "Released material accounts register" for check and certificate in spite of repeated instructions

S A to note, to be returned
(sd) K P

The cement account also has not been fully rendered but the formal checking has been done

A detailed report on the stock checking is being drafted and is under submission

El Yes
(sd)S Biligiri Rao 1-9-1947

The S K is very irresponsible in his work. His salary for August 1947 may be ordered to be with-held till all the accounts are finally rendered.

Submitted sd P Padmanabhan
Noted (Sd) S R B. A E 30-8-194
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APPENDIX 3

Notes on the Store Accounts as maintained in the Municipal Engineering Stores to follow the annual stock counting for the year 1946-47

PREAMBLE 1 During Aug 46, after the completion of the verification of the stock of the Engrg. stores for the year 1945-46, a detailed note was submitted explaining certain descrepancies and irregularities in the maintanance of the accounts and registers The storekeeper was also instructed to open out fresh books, and put in the way of incorporating the accounts in the form of stock ledgers, and to close the accounts monthwar, to strike at the correct balances on hand at the end of each month

2 The storekeeper had also been asked to explain certain transactions where certain differences had been observed (vide remarks in the respective registers)

3 A statement had also been drawn-up of materials that were either found to be unserviceable or that had to be scrapped, and permission from higher authorities, solicited for arranging the auction of the same

Present findings-

1 During the year 1946-47, the storekeeper, though in possession of new registers, did not see that the entires were made till late in the year, on the plea that old registers had got held up in the office and with the auditor

2 The instructions given to the store keeper repeatedly, in consonance with the remarks made already, were not followed by the storekeeper, nor were the differences explained by him

3 While the store account was checked in detail during April 1947, when there was change of personnel in the Officer, consequent on the transfer of Mr R Madhavan, the ex-Executive Engineer, the entires and account were found to be wanting in many respects and personal effort was exercised to bring the register fairly up-to-date in the ways they were, as it was not possible to change the method and procedure at this juncture None of the previous instruction had been adhered to (vide remarks in the respective registers)

4 In spite of repeated instructions orally and through written memo from the Office the registers were not posted to-date till late in July, and some in August rendering the checking of stock account very difficult Here a ain personal effort had to be exercised and additional help given to see that the transactions were brought up-to-date

5 The history has repeated itself and the way in which the transactions have been incorporated in the registers and the mode in which the yearly closure of accounts has been made are highly unsatisfactory
No attempt has been made by the store keeper to attend to the several remarks that had been made from time to time (vide remarks in the respective registers)

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Store Checking for the year ending [illegible]

	Aug 46	April 47	August 47
Stoneware pipes	Remarks and details incorporated	Remarks same as on August 46	Remarks same as on Aug 46
Furniture	1. One T V Chair found extra 2 One almirah found extra 3 One T / Box found extra 4 One callir bell to be recovered as s own	1 Previous observations not regularised 2 One Godrej Shelf in drawing Branch not brought to a/c	1 Previous observations not regularised 2 One Godrej Shelf to be accounted as per remarks of 28-4-47 3 One small carpet not found, to be recovered 4 Remarks about furniture to be shown 5 Transactions r iters of locks an clocks omitted an since incorporate while counting, to be reconsiled
Levelling Instrument	1 Plane table-transactions to be shown for the extras 2 Pencil Leg compass as above 3 Protractor of Inst Box to be recovered 4 Voucher for having given one Levelling Instrument to C I T Board to be got and the Instr to be got back 5 Details omitted and since incorporated while counting 6 Steel measuring cha chains extras to be explained 7 Additional items incorporated, why not brought to account	1 Previous observations not regularised 2 Voucher for having given the levelling Instr to C I T board not yet produced 3 Details omitted and since incorporated while counting	1, Vouchers as pe remarks on 6-8-46 and 28-4-47 since produced Refce t be made to get back the Instr 2 Details again omit ed and since incorporated whil counting 3 Two new Instruments with stands taken to stock no brought in abstract now taken to a/c while countin
Decoration Articles	Union Jack 15 extra, Big Cotton flag 14 less, Banners 1 Extra, Sand bags 21 less Laced bordered fringes shown in a/cs since Incorporated while counting Remarks with details	1 Differences as remarked on 6-8-46 not yet reconciled 2 Action not taken on final remarks about the flags 3, Two banners said to have been issued to Mr Veerappa of Siddapur to be recovered, Voucher not produced	1 No action has been taken on remarks of 28-4-4 2 Transactions regarding Khaki Khanath not shown 3 Differences in transactions of Mysore flags to reconciled
5 Lorries	1 When exactly the new lorries were purchased is not stated 2 Transactions re Flaps not shown 3 Unserviceable articles to be auctioned 4 Toolbox is without tools	1 Previous observations not attended to	1 Same remarks as before

	Boilers & Road Materials	1 Tarboilers to be overhauled and rigged up 2 Molasses and coal-tar to be used up	1 Same remarks as before	Same remar before
	Surplus materials	Aug 46 1 Street light domes 3 Extra, 2 Empty cement bags to be arranged to be despatched 3. Unserviceable materials to be auctioned. 4 Ceiling fans to be repaired	28-4-47 1 Same as before 2 Details for old drums 3 Empty cement bags not yet sent 4 Same articles to be auctioned	2-8-47 1 Same as 2 Details drums 3 Empty c bags not ye 4 Some arti to be aucti
8	Oils	1 Details and specifications not given. 2 Articles said to be not in use to be auctioned.	1 Previous observations not attended to 2 Details for certain items not given	1 Previous vations not enced to 2 Details specifica ars not bei given inspi instruction 3. Maintena a/c very un factory
9	Tools and Plant	1. Details not given 2 Old locks to be either repaired or disposed off Extra in item of brushes	1 Previous observations not reconciled. 2 Details not given.	1 Observations before 2 Old locks t disposed off 3 Details and transactions no clear.
10	Motor parts	1 Separate register is to be opened for oil and transactions now found in "Oils Register" to be transfered over	1 Previous remarks not attended to	1. Accounts are clearly depicte 2 There is sti the mix-up and repetition of i in both the "Oil and motor parts Register" 3 Details and specification n clear
11	Released materials account	1 Accounts not posted up-to-date 2 Sequence of dates not kept up	1 Register not forthcoming - No entries made.	1 Register not forthcoming
12	Cement	1 Some of the transactions are not brought to the notice of the Asst Engineer 2 Transactions and entries are not effected in correct sequence 3 Several entries not made, and balances as in the case of day ledgers, and monthly compilation of accounts as in the cases of stock ledgers cannot be verified and correct accounts kept	1. Lot of corrections effected. 2 The corrections effected are again not correct. 3 Previous remarks not adhered to 4 Instructed to recopy separately.	1 Previous ins ructions not ad red to 2 Postings to date still not attended to

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Submitted

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APPENDIX 5

IRREGULARITIES IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CEMENT ACCOUNTS

The auditor in his review on 1-6-46 and 17-6-1946, has made the following observations

1) "Advances in respect of issues made, will have to be adjusted within 3 months from the date of issue"
2) "Initials of subordinates to be taken in the Issue book"
3) "Entries made are not in order, - each bill for payment is not easily verifiable, - the piece-meal consignment received should be noted on the full bill (No and date) for the entire quantity to be noted for verifications"

None of the above instructions have been followed

2 Transactions had not been posted, and the accounts could not be checked during the half-yearly stock counting in January 1947 The matter was reported during Feb 1947 and the S I was asked to effect the transactions. The S I never attended to these instructions till April 1947.

3 During early part of April 1947, when the stock register was asked to be brought up for review and check, it was found that transactions up to 10-1-47 only, had been effected There was no order lines and certain descrepencies were found The S I was asked to reconcile the descrepancies and give correct A/C.

4 Transactions were again entered by the S I from 19-6-46 to 19-4-47 during the latter half of April Owing to lot of corrections, postings not being in the order of issue-date, and large descrepancies, the S I was asked to verify each transaction, open out a fresh register, enter transactions from 29-7-46, datewar, close accounts every month, and give the daily & monthly balance The S I was given additional help to get through the work, during May 1947

5 Personal effort was exercised by the undersigned during May 1947 to bring the accounts up-to-date, but this could not be persued as certain omissions of transactions effected on 17-10-46, 30-10-46, 14-11-46, 9-4-47, 30-4-47, were noticed by the undersigned, with reference to the indents available with the S I It was apprehended that there may be more omissions of the kind and other irregular ties

The official account of cement showing receipts and issues, referred to in Memo on works by the Executive Engineer, which was summoned during May for reference and comparison with the store stock, never forth-coming account has never been come across by the undersigned

7 The divisional clerk who was dealing with the cement account was however asked during May 1947 to get up a statement of cement account showing receipts and issues, and adjustments and recoveries, to be made, in the absence of the above official accounts This statement was ready only during the latter part of June 1947

8 In addition, a special statement showing the indents which had been made each subordinate, was got compiled from the counter foils of the indent book available with the subordinates during July 1947

9 The above statement with the additional help of Mr Ramalingam, temporary maistry were placed at the disposal of the S I about the end of July He was instructed both orally and through official memos, to verify the entire accounts with reference to the indents with him his own account and the two statements got up, and to render the accounts before 10-8

10 The accounts have not been rendered to date An interim report on 30-8-47 has been submitted stating that the accounts had not been submitted by S I till that date

11 In addition to the above findings, it is also found that while the receipts of stock during June 1946, had been brought to the notice of the undersigned, the receipt of stock during end of June 46 and during July 1946, and some of the general issues have not been brought to the notice of the undersigned

12 The cement account for the entire year from June 1946 to June 1947 need

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Para 1 of Memo On Works No 3260/one dated 2-6-1947 from Mr R Madhavan

Stores — Cement to the extent of about 750 tons were purchased for various works in the Municipality and issued to Departmental work and to contractors who have taken up Municipal works The major quantity of cement was issued to Road Cement Concreting works, and the same has been adjusted The cement issued to the contractors are being adjusted in their respective bills Cement is issued to several works on the indent made by the Surveyor and recommended by the Assistant Engineers This indent passes on to the store keeper through the clerk who keeps his own account showing receipts and issues. The store keeper then issues the cement this procedure is adopted to have a counter check in the office A statement of cement account showing receipts and issues and adjustments and recoveries to be made may be got prepared in the office It is learnt that cement account has not been posted up-to-date by the Store-keeper The Assistant Engineer has been instructed to get this done at once Recoveries for cement issued to several contractors may be caused to be made in the respective bills of contractors, before the end of this official year

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APPENDIX 7

No W2-P R 62/45-46
Des 2-11-45

Office of the Municipal Engineer
Bangalore City, 2nd Nov 1945

NOTE

On receipt of information that there was some discrepancy in Cement account, the undersigned inspected the stores on 29-10-1945 at about 5 P.M. in company with the Range Officer Mr. A. Krishna Rao, the Sub-Overseer Mr. T. Nanjappa and the accounts clerk Mr. Gangiah. It was found that the book balance of cement in the stock register was 73 bags and the actual balance of cement in the stores was nil

The storekeeper will immediately furnish his explaration for the shortage of cement of 73 bags.

Initialled R Mahadevan
Municipal Engineer 2-11-45

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Ref: ero 'o E2-62 dated 2-11-1945

I be to state that there are 74 bags of Cement in the stores, as per acco nts, out of which 10 bags were issued to 'r " a jap a Sub-Overseer t is morning as he wanted t e same urgently

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D O No F2.P R 62/45-46
Despatched 19-11-1945

Office of the Municipal Engineer
Bangalore City, 19th Nove 194

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Yours sincerely,

Sd R Nedhaven

To

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Municipal Commissioner,
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APPENDIX 10

M O No 37 - 14-10-1946

Sub - Stock account and Yearly returns of balance of stock and tools and plant for the year ended 30-6-1946

It is requested to arrange for the early transmission of the following returns for the year ended 30-6-46 as required by art 269 to 271 P & A W Part II

1 Balance return of stock for the half year duly verified
2 Balance return of tools and plant (yearly return)
3 Balance returns in respect of any other store purchased for use in the municipality during 1945-1946
4 The favour of an early compliance is requested as the returns have to be dealt with in the audit report for 1944-1945

Sd C S Sethumadhava Rao
Senior Auditor 14-10-46

i) Received in P W's office No G1 1541/15-10-46
i) Referred to P2 for needful by W E E on 15-10-46
i) Referred to S K as an urgent memo for immediate necessary action and report within a week on 23-10-46
v) Despatched No P2-G1 1541/45 on 28-11-46

To

The Personal Assistant to the Municipal Commissioner
The Executive Engineer City Municipality
The Health Officer.

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Ref - Passing the bills of Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works for the supply of Cement

The (Enclosed) five bills were sent to the Store keeper for furnishing the stock certificate about two months back The storekeeper has furnished the stock certificate on the bills and returned them to the Office The following difficulty is felt in passing these bills for payment The S I has not taken the cement into stock as per R/R and quantity despatched by the Company The quantity of cement noted in the Company's bill does not tally with the quantity noted in the stock register He has merely noted down the quantity in the stock as per receipt and has not shown the R/R Nos and the respective quantity received along with the R/R In the absence of these details, it is very difficult to pass the bills for payment He was personally requested to come to the Office and furnish the details to facilitate the passing of bills and he has not done this He may kindly be instructed to go over to the Office and to do the needful

Initialled (Gangiah) 11-11-46

Office Note

Awaiting details from the S I The bills have been checked and passed for payment to avoid further delay

Initialled (Gangiah)
19-11-46

Memo to S C is given to the typist to type

sd Gangiah 19-11-46

Store-Keeper

For immediate attention

sd R Madhavan
13-11-46

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19/10/48

To

The Ml Commissioner,
Bangalore City Mlly
(thro the Pdt)

Subject - Petition dated 21-7-48 addressed to the Minister for City Mlties & Municipalities by Sri S R Bhimbam, Stone Keeper (under suspension) praying for disbursement of pay [~~for the last nine months~~] which has been withheld ~~& the~~ ~~& encl~~ ~~& encl~~

Sir, With reference to your letter No A5 C 429/48 dt 24 7 1948, I am directed to forward herewith for report the petition of Sri S R Bhimbam referred to above and

dt 24/7/48

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To enquire what stage the investigation into the alleged shortage of cement has reached and to request an early reply.

Yours faithfully

for Secretary of State

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19.10.48

The

Revenue Department

To

The Municipal Commissioner,
Bangalore City Municipality,
(Through the President)

SUBJECT Petition dated 21st July 1948 addressed to the Minister for City Municipalities and Muzrai by Sri S R Bhombore, Store-keeper (under suspension) praying for disbursement of pay which has been - withheld etc

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Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No A5 C 429/47 dated 4th July 1948, I am directed to forward herewith for report the petition dated 21st July 1948 of Sri S R Bhombore, in original, referred to above and to enquire in what stage the investigation of the allegation into the shortage of cement bags against him is at present The petition may be kindly returned with your reply very early

Yours faithfully,

for Revenue Secretary to Government

Telegram 45-

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

No. L 6285 *Dated Bangalore* 9-12-48

DEAR SIR

I am desired to invite your attention to this Office Letter No L 4053 dated 19-10-1948 and the ~~subsequent reminders~~ on the Project of Short-fall in Cement supply in the Bangalore City Municipality

and to request that the reply thereto may kindly be expedited as the matter is long pending

Yours sincerely

for
8/12/48

To

The M.L. Commissioner
Bangalore City
(By name)

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BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY

No A5-C 429/47

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MUNICIPAL OFFICES
BANGALORE CITY

Dated 14th December *1948*

FROM

Janab A S KHALEEL B A B L ,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
BANGALORE CITY

TO

Janab MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, B A ,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General Department,
BANGALORE

SIR

Subject - LOSS OF CEMENT BAGS IN BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY

With reference to your letter No L 990/E of 30-7-1948 forwarding the petition of Sri S R Bhambhore addressed to the Minister to the City Municipalities and Muzrai, I have the honour to state that the Municipal Council at their meeting held on 2-12-48 have resolved that as the subject matter is before the Court the opinion of the Municipal Council is not warranted

A copy of the above resolution is enclosed herewith for favour of perusal The original petition of Sri Bhombhore is returned herewith as desired a copy thereof being retained in this office for reference

Yours faithfully

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER

Forwarded with compliments

HONORARY PRESIDENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL DATED 2 --- ---

23 Defd Subj 11/15-11-1948 Letter No A 990 dated 30th July 1948 from the Revenue Secretary to Government calling for the views of the unicipal Council on the petition submitted by Sri S R Bhombore, Store-keeper of the Municipality to the Minister for City Municipalities Also memorial from Sri S R B ombore to the President and members of the unicipal Council

Resolut on - As the Subject is before the Court the opinion of the Municipal Council is not waranted

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Engineering Department in the Bangalore City Municipality, was served on the petitioner The above letter of the Comptroller alleged a shortage of about 1643 bags of cement as unaccounted for by the Store Keeper - the present petitioner which thereby caused a loss to the extent of Rs 5200/- It was however pointed out in the very letter by the Comptroller to Government that the fraud xxx appears to have been rendered possible by the failure on the part of the Executive Engineer to exercise adequate supervision and control over the work of the Store Keeper especially at a time when the cement transactions were heavy and this omission tantamounts to a breach of Rules 470 & 471 & which enforces monthly and half-yearly returns and periodic checking and counting of the stock on hand Hour[illegible] prescribed for all periods of checking

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL DATED 2-12-1948

23 Defd Subj 11/15-11-1948 Letter No L 990 dated 30th July 1948 from the Revenue Secretary to Government calling for the views of the Municipal Council on the petition submitted by Sri S R Bhombore Store-keeper of the Municipality to the Minister for City Municipalities Also memorial from Sri S R Bhombore to the President and members of the Municipal Council

Resolut on - As the Subject is before the Court the opinion of the Municipal Council is not warranted

Sd V SWAMARAJA IYENGAR
Honorarpy President

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THE MINISTER FOR CITY MUNICIPALITIES AND MUZRAI No T.62 Date 14-7-1948

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The Minister for City Municipalities & Muzrai in Mysore, Bangalore.

GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT 28 JUL 1948 737 MUNICIPAL BRANCH

The humble petition of S Rhombore, son of Lr B Venkoji Rao, Store keeper (under suspension) in the Bangalore City Municipality and residing in Door No 2, Malappa Block, Basavangudi and respectfully prays as follows

The petitioner belongs to a respectable family of "BHOMBORE" and occupies a status and nobility having rendered faithful services to Government

The petitioner was Store keeper from 22-1-1945 to 30-6-1948 in which period he has rendered his faithful services to the best of his capacity apart from his unblemished career for a period of 23 years in various capacities in the Bangalore City municipal Commissioner's office

Memo No El Gl 4117/47-48 dated 29-4-1948 of the office of the Municipal Engineer containing a copy of the confidential letter No 381/C LAD dated 29-4-1948 from the Comptroller to the Financial Secretary to Government which related to a special audit of the municipal Stores of the Engineering Department in the Bangalore City Municipality was served on the petitioner The above letter of the Comptroller alleged a shortage of about 1643 bags of cement as unaccounted for by the Store keeper - the present petitioner which thereby caused a loss to the extent of Rs 5200/- It was however pointed out in the very letter by the Comptroller to Government that the fraud xxx appears to have been rendered possible by the failure on the part of the Executive Engineer to exercise adequate supervision and control over the work of the Store Keeper especially at a time when the cement transactions were heavy and this omission tantamounts to a breach of Rules 270 & 271 L.C. which enforces monthly and half-yearly returns surprise checking and counting of the stock of hand four kinds and prayed for the perusal of the further

The Revenue Secretary

This may be placed before the committee for consideration and expression of their views in the matter on receiving the same I shall consider and dispose of the petition

P Gehlot 18/7

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